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Thatcher takes Bosnia campaign to America

■ Baroness Thatcher's call for military action in Bosnia has struck a transatlantic chord. It may be especially influential in the debate taking place in the White House

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, MARTIN FLETCHER AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

THE West's growing exasperation over its impotence in halting Serb aggression in Bosnia-Herzegovina was exposed yesterday as Baroness Thatcher took her call for action across the Atlantic and to the House of Lords.

The government stood firm in rejecting her demand for the Bosnian Muslims to be armed, but MPs of all parties admitted that the former prime minister had struck a chord with her impassioned appearances on British and American television.

Lady Thatcher's remarks are also certain to have an impact in Washington, where the Clinton administration is anguishing over how to resolve the Bosnian conflict. She remains a figure of stature in America, and her words will bolster those who contend that if America has the power to stop the carnage, it is morally compelled to use it.

Yesterday, as reports emerged of renewed shelling of Srebrenica and the fall of another village nearby, America's special envoy, Reginald Bartholomew, told the Serbs directly that they must "stop the military and humanitarian horrors now". He indicated that the US would press for the arms embargo to be lifted if the Serbs did not rejoin peace negotiations.

Lord Owen, one of the UN peace mediators, meanwhile reiterated his support for the use of air power to pressure the Serbs into accepting the plan he devised with Cyrus Vance. But he remained opposed to lifting the arms embargo against the Muslims. "Sometimes Lady Thatcher makes it appear very simple," he said. "It's not unfortunately."

In London, Malcolm Rifkind led a concerted cabinet rejection of Lady Thatcher's call for the arming of the Muslims. That would, he said, "prolong the conflict and make it even bloodier and more vicious". The defence secretary also opposed air strikes against Serb supply lines, saying they were unlikely to be effective without substantial numbers of troops on the ground.

"The right course to pursue is the current policy, thankless and frustrating as it is," he told the Commons. "Diplomacy must continue. Pressure on those responsible for prolonging the conflict must be increased. The plight of the suffering must be alleviated."

In the Lords, the foreign office minister Baroness Chalker was more outspoken when confronted by her former boss. "It is not a question of leaving people unprotected," she told Lady Thatcher. "It is a question of making sure that we work together to stop and all-out war which many of the solutions advocated by you could well cause."

Lady Thatcher, unabashed by criticism of her remarks on Tuesday, had earlier accused ministers of lacking resolve and declared: "We cannot just let things go on like this. It is evil."

Although there are no divisions within the cabinet over policy towards Bosnia and most Tory MPs appear to back Mr Rifkind's line, ministers readily admitted that Lady Thatcher's dramatic intervention had touched the mood of many people, and they conspicuously sidestepped calls to condemn her.

Labour supported Mr Rifkind over his opposition to lifting the arms embargo, which David Clark, shadow defence secretary, said would be like trying to douse a fire with petrol. Paddy Ashdown, who has pressed for tougher action against the Serbs, also said that some of Lady Thatcher's suggestions were not appropriate — but he acknowledged that she had the instinct of the moment and the instinct of the people.

On the Conservative side, a desire to support ministers was accompanied by deep unease that the international community appeared powerless to do anything about the suffering. Some MPs spoke of growing concern in their constituencies, although the public was still reluctant to send British troops into Bosnia.

Lady Thatcher's supporters hailed her outburst as an "heroic triumph" and delighted in her "vintage performances", but other backbenchers were less complimentary and one claimed: "The unofficial view is that she

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SMILE OF PLOTTER FACING DEATH FOR TREASON



Stubborn defiance: former parliamentary speaker Anatoli Lukyanov, accused of treason for his part in the 1991 anti-Gorbachev coup, greets supporters yesterday before threatening to boycott the Moscow trial. Page 12

Seven die in South African violence

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN SOWETO

THREE demonstrators were killed yesterday as police opened fire on a huge crowd outside Soweto's Protea Park police station. Two others were shot and killed in Cape Town, and two deaths were reported in townships east of Johannesburg, bringing the total toll for the day to seven.

The deaths came during a day of mourning for Chris Hani, the murdered communist party leader. Millions of blacks stayed away from work and city centres were overrun by rampaging mobs breaking windows and looting shops.

Cape Town was the worst affected, with Adderley Street, the main shopping thoroughfare, described as a war zone. One Capetonian said: "The only vehicles on the street are armoured cars. There are soldiers and police armed with rifles. Broken glass is everywhere. A motorcycle is still burning on the street corner. The shops are looted."

In Soweto, a huge crowd crammed into the Jabulani amphitheatre to hear Nelson Mandela, the African National Congress president, urge that "in spite of anger, there should be no violence".

The highly volatile crowd then marched to the Protea Park police station where the shooting broke out. Carl Niehaus of the ANC said the shooting was unprovoked and that the crowd had been beginning to move away when the police opened fire. "They were using hard-tipped live ammunition as well as birdshot and rubber bullets," he said. He added that at least 157 people were wounded.

Lee Edwards and Glen Middleton, BBC television journalists, were hit by police shotgun pellets and were taken to hospital. Kim Gordon Bates, of the *Journal de Genève*, was pulled from his Land-Rover by an angry group but was not harmed.

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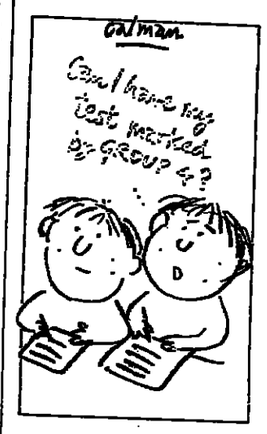
Marking of exams may be privatised

BY BEN PRESTON EDUCATION REPORTER

THE government is considering sharply reducing teachers' involvement in the national curriculum tests by contracting out the marking.

Education ministers believe that the dispute with teaching unions over this summer's tests for seven and 14-year-olds has become a struggle for control of the classroom. They are drawing up plans should this term's boycott spill into next year, after the National Union of Teachers voted at its annual conference to extend action if necessary.

The move indicates a hardening of attitude by John Patten, the education secretary, as the second largest union yesterday demanded a 35-hour working week as a condition for halting industrial action.



Ministers, who claim strong support from Downing Street, now privately acknowledge that testing is unlikely to be comprehensive this summer. Ministers recognise that the best hope of limiting immediate damage to their key policy lies in the courts. Wandsworth council in south London will next week appeal against a

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Lamont hails leap in industry output

BY JANET BUSH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

THE Chancellor of the Exchequer yesterday hailed as excellent new evidence of a revival in British manufacturing and said industry's outlook was bright as long as companies kept costs under control.

In a statement from Tokyo, where he is attending the G7 meeting to discuss economic reform in Russia, Norman Lamont said: "In spite of a difficult world environment, Britain's manufacturers are taking full advantage of the opportunities created by lower interest rates and the specific measures to help business in the Autumn Statement." The measures announced in March would give a further boost to industry as long as firms continued to keep a lid on costs.

The output of manufacturing industry jumped by 1.2 per cent in February after an increase of 1.3 per cent in January over December. The Central Statistical Office said that manufacturing had enjoyed two very good months; it believed manufacturing production was now growing about 3 per cent a year, having languished for 18 months.

Richard Jeffrey, chief economist at Charterhouse Tilney, said that yesterday's figures made him feel even more comfortable with his forecast growth this year of 1.75 per cent, well above the Treasury's 1.25 per cent forecast. "People seem to see the recovery coming from a standing start last autumn," he said, "but the recession has been over for a year. What we are seeing now are signs of quite a vigorous recovery in output and the momentum building."

Industry's performance in February, much healthier than most economists had expected, has raised hopes that manufacturing can play a key role in leading Britain into a sustainable recovery.

Sterling edged higher again yesterday after strong gains on Tuesday, ending at 80.8 on its trade weighted index, compared with 80.1 before Easter.

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Pakistanis will carry on playing

PAKISTAN'S cricket team agreed yesterday to complete its Caribbean tour despite anger over the arrest of four players in Grenada on drug charges last week. The first Test, scheduled to start today in Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, has been postponed 24 hours.

The decision came after a meeting between Khalid Mahmood, the Pakistan team manager, and the West Indies cricket board. Before the meeting, Mahmood said the arrests for possession of marijuana of the four players, including Wasim Akram, the captain, and Waqar Younis, the vice-captain, had "depressed and upset" the team, which missed a scheduled practice.

Mahmood said his players "feel they have been unfairly dealt with and they have apprehensions that they are quite vulnerable to such treatment in the future". Pakistan, who have already played five one-day internationals on the tour, had threatened to cancel the rest of the matches.

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Rail talks collapse after eight minutes

BY TIM JONES, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

TALKS between British Rail and unions broke down after only eight minutes last night, making a second one-day national rail strike tomorrow almost certain.

Only a totally unexpected climbdown by one side before noon today can now prevent what Sir Bob Reid, the BR chairman, said would be a "lousy day" for commuters.

Paul Watkinson, BR's personnel director, indicated that unless the Rail, Maritime & Transport Staff, Britain's biggest rail union, drops its demand that there will be no compulsory redundancies, BR will adopt a tougher line. It is believed that BR would consider legal action.

Sir Bob has already warned Jimmy Knapp, general secretary of the RMT, that management will refuse to collect union dues from wages, thus jeopardising the union's cashflow, if the strike goes ahead. Mr Knapp accused the British Rail Roard of wasting four days of talks.

Mr Watkinson said: "There is nothing more to give. I am not going to give the absolute guarantee which the union seems to want. It is getting quite sticky. On matters of principle we have a clear understanding but neither side seems to be able to do anything about it." He said the dispute would cost BR another £10 million. "It will also be one more day when people can find out they don't need the railway."

There have still been no formal talks with representatives of Aslef, the train drivers' union, which is also planning a 24-hour strike from midnight over rail privatisation.

Apart from demanding a guarantee there will be no compulsory redundancies, the RMT is seeking to restrict contractors into areas of work now carried out by members.

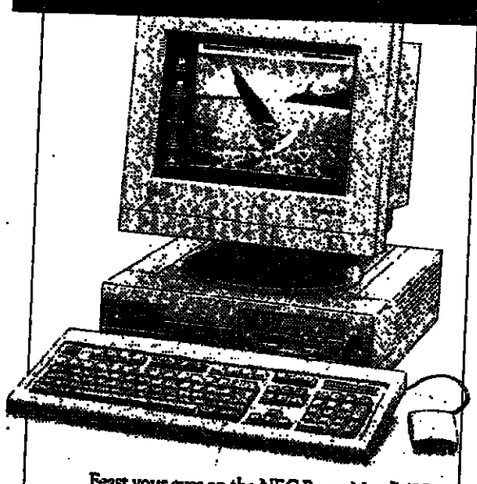
Companies have booked hotel rooms for key personnel. The Automobile Association issued a warning that although millions of people had stayed at home during the last strike people would be reluctant to take more time off after Easter.

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Governor demands chains for prisoners in insecure court

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

PRISONERS are being routinely handcuffed and chained when they visit the lavatories at one of London's busiest crown courts because security is so inadequate.

Gates in the custody complex at Inner London Crown Court in south London have no locks and some exit doors have not been equipped with specialised apparatus designed to prevent escapes. More than 3,000 cases were dealt with at the court last year.

The head of custody at Belmarsh, Britain's newest top-security jail, has warned prison officers about the security gaps and has told them to increase their control measures on prisoners in the building, which has recently been refurbished. He has told the officer in charge of security at the court to hold a daily briefing session with his staff to alert them to problems and weaknesses.

The disclosures are a further embarrassment for the government, already under pressure over the escapes from Group 4 during its first week of running a privatised prison escort service. Derek Lewis, director-general of the prison service, will hold talks with directors of Group 4 in London today.

In a letter to the court authorities, Arthur Lightfoot, head of custody at Belmarsh prison in Woolwich, southeast London, says that difficulties have arisen because of delays in providing new locks on doors and gates inside the court complex. He says in the letter, seen by *The Times*: "The problems caused by the delay in relocking the court are serious and require active management intervention if we are to prevent prisoners taking advantage of these weaknesses in our perimeter security."

Some exit doors in the cell block have not been fitted with a security lock and others have nothing more than a bolt and chain, according to prison service sources. Prison officers have expressed their concern to *The Times* about the lack of security in the custody complex. "Half the doors down there have no proper security locks on them and problems have arisen with a relocking programme," one officer said.

Mr Lightfoot's instructions to his staff include placing prisoners "under restraint" when they are out of their cells. It is usual for them to move around freely inside a custody area. Women prisoners are to be handcuffed and, in some circumstances, chained when they go to the lavatory. All escape routes must be covered when prisoners are getting on or off vehicles.

☐ A prisoner broke away from two guards and escaped by leaping 30ft from the sixth-floor window of a hospital on Tuesday night. David Potter, 22, a convicted burglar, landed on a roof at Whittington Hospital, north London, and ran off.

Prosecutors 'fail to weed out weak cases'

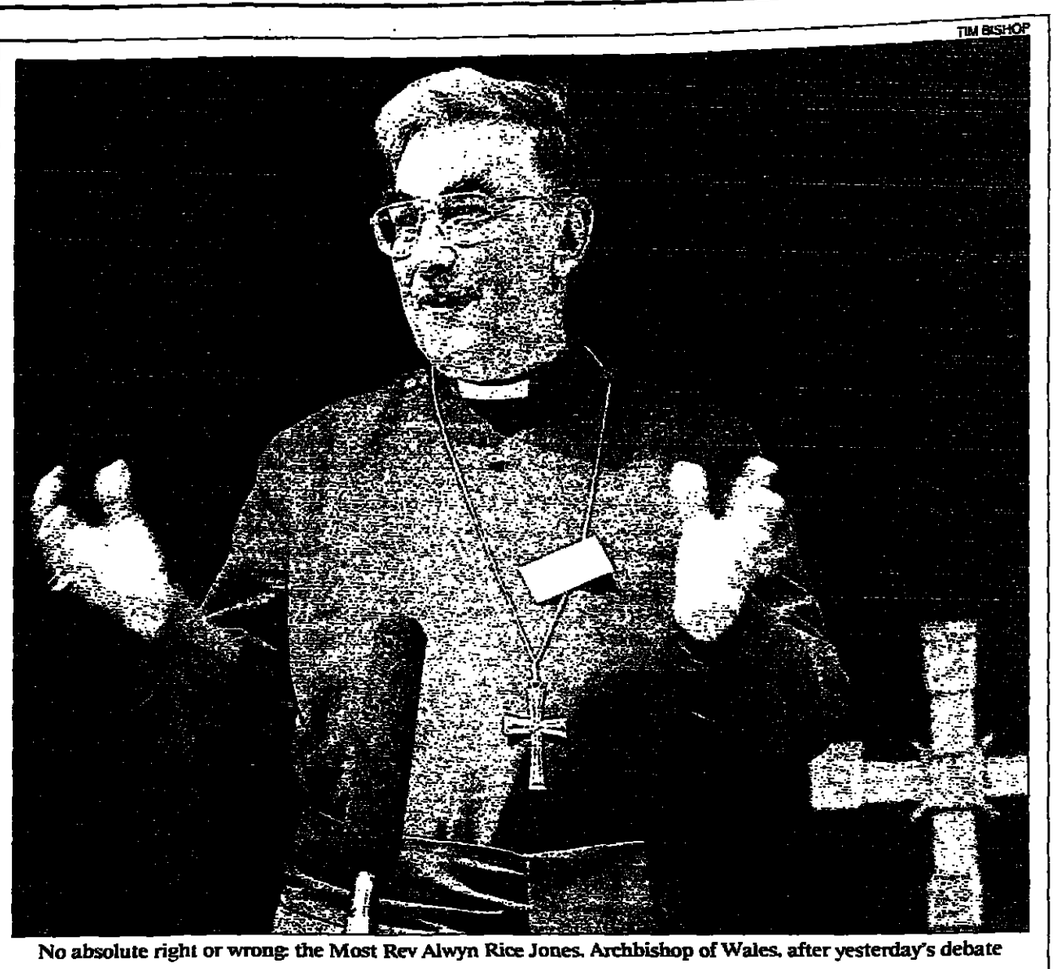
BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Crown Prosecution Service is failing to weed out hundreds of weak cases that go to trial and end in acquittals, research for the Royal Commission on Criminal Justice, published yesterday, says.

The study examined 100 crown court cases that ended in acquittal and concluded that the outcome could have been predicted in a quarter of the cases before, at or just after committal. At least 15 per cent were "foreseeably weak" before committal and should have been discontinued or the evidence strengthened before the case came to trial.

On the basis of the sample, hundreds of weak cases a year could be going to the crown court, where trials cost £7,000 a day, and being thrown out. The research raises questions about the effectiveness of the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) in discharging its role as a filter between police and courts. It is certain to provide ammunition for the commission to recommend a tightening of standards.

The researchers call for the abolition of committal proceedings, closer liaison between the CPS, witnesses and victims in the run-up to trial; and clarification of counsel's obligation to advise the CPS on weaknesses in the case. The CPS should have power to discontinue cases up to the point of crown court trial.



TIM BISHOP

No absolute right or wrong: the Most Rev Alwyn Rice Jones, Archbishop of Wales, after yesterday's debate

Welsh in favour of women priests

BY RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

THE Anglican Church in Wales voted overwhelmingly in favour of women priests yesterday, four months after the Church of England debated the issue.

A bill to ordain women priests was carried by 199 votes to 97, with three abstentions, at a meeting of the governing body, the Welsh equivalent of the General Synod. The bill, which will need a two-thirds majority at the decisive vote next year, makes no provisions for financial compensation for clergy who resign through reasons of conscience. The Most Rev Alwyn Rice Jones, the Archbishop of Wales, said the Church in Wales should attempt to move out of its static position on doctrine. Speaking before the vote, the archbishop said it was the duty of bishops to maintain the cohesive nature of the church.

"So far the endless debates have shown that there is no absolute right or absolute wrong on the subject," he said. "As members of the church community, we should not attempt to create a climate of fear, prejudice, aggression and mistrust." Preferment to high office in Wales should remain open to all, whatever their convictions about women priests, he said.

The Right Rev Roy Davies, the Bishop of Llandaff, the only bishop to vote against, said: "The issue will not go away, but until there is more evidence of consensus it would be irresponsible in my view to press for change."

Canon Peter Edwards, from Newport, said the Church of England vote had subverted the delicate balance of Anglicanism. The effect was that four centuries of Anglican compromise were beginning to unravel, he said.

Iran gives warning on Rushdie meeting

BY CHRISTOPHER WALKER, MIDDLE EAST CORRESPONDENT

IRAN said last night that a high-level British trade mission was in jeopardy as a result of the government's increasing support for Salman Rushdie, including plans for the author to meet John Major.

In a hostile communiqué reflecting anger in Tehran at Mr Rushdie's rising political profile, the official news agency Irna warned that damage to Anglo-Iranian relations "could go much further than economic ties" if Mr Major went ahead with his meeting.

Several leading members of the Conservative party have criticised Mr Major for his plans to meet Mr Rushdie, confirmed by Downing Street on Monday.

Irna claimed the London Chamber of Commerce was trying to salvage the mission, said to be the first sponsored by the trade ministry in Tehran since the Islamic revolution in 1979.

Iran and Britain resumed limited diplomatic relations in September 1990 after an 18-month break over the *fatwa* or religious ruling calling on Muslims to kill the author.

The agency said: "The visit by eight British companies looks likely to be the first victim of the UK government's renewed attempt to make the the *fatwa* a political dispute, which started with Foreign Office minister Douglas Hogg's publicised meeting with Rushdie in February."

It added that a decision from the Iranian government was still awaited on the issuing of visas to members of the British trade mission, planned for next month, but "signs are that it will have to be at least postponed".

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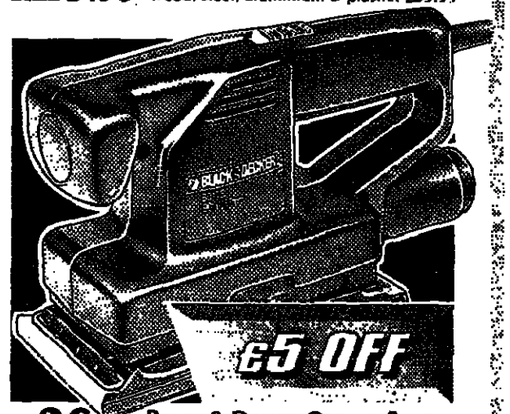
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Opera goes ahead with £150m plan

BY ALISON ROBERTS, ARTS REPORTER

THE directors of the Royal Opera House yesterday expressed determination to press ahead with the £150 million development of the Covent Garden site, rebuffing planning difficulties, critical appraisals of the scheme and accusations of elitism.

Jeremy Isaacs, general director of Covent Garden, said that the scheme, now conceived as a mission, would go ahead with the help of private and lottery money.

Currently lacking £90 million, the development project suffered a setback last month when Westminster City Council refused planning permission for part of it. The council wants proof that all the funds are available for the whole scheme before it will give the go-ahead.

Covent Garden's reliance on lottery money before the game has been set up is likely to anger other arts bodies which are hoping for a share of the cash. The opera house wants £45 million over five years from the scheme, which is likely to produce about £70 million a year for the arts. A long-planned public appeal for funds will be launched by the end of the year.

Detractors claim that lottery money would be misspent on the opera house, which caters for a minority of the population. Mr Isaacs said: "I do not think we are being greedy. I think we are just fighting our corner." He stressed that development was necessary, if only to bring the opera house up to modern health and safety standards.

Ticket price rises of four and a half per cent were announced yesterday, together with a package of specially subsidised performances at low prices on Saturday nights. Covent Garden expects to achieve a surplus of £266,000 for the 1993-4 financial year, bringing its overall deficit down to £3.6 million. The financial situation has been eased by an anonymous overseas donor who has pledged £2.5 million in instalments over three years.

Marking could be privatised

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High Court ruling that the boycott by the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers (NAS/UWT) is legal.

At present, the tests and assessment are undertaken by classroom teachers who send marks to the education department to compile national league tables. Education ministers are investigating a switch to a system where teachers are responsible only for invigilating tests and returning pupils' scripts for outside examiners to mark.

However, the cost of employing outside examiners would be substantial and dramatically increase the workload of the private examination boards.

The NAS/UWT further reduced the scope for compromise yesterday when delegates at its annual conference in Bournemouth endorsed its boycott and condemned national school league tables. They voted unanimously for a resolution calling on Mr Patten to suspend this summer's tests, start talks to slim the curriculum and introduce "sensible testing" and reduce teachers' workload.



McAvoy: union vote for pay strikes

Nigel de Gruchy, the union's general secretary, said a maximum 35-hour week should replace the present legal minimum of 32.5 hours.

At the weekend, the National Union of Teachers, whose president is Doug McAvoy, voted for strikes over pay and a ballot on a boycott of appraisal in schools.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Police to infiltrate new age convoys

Undercover police officers are infiltrating hippy convoys in the West Country in an attempt to prevent illegal "new age" summer festivals. Earlier this month the government announced plans for tough curbs on new age travellers and illegal camping.

Twenty-six police forces are co-operating in Operation Snapshot, which will co-ordinate information about illegal trespassing and travellers' movements, including descriptions of vehicles and registration numbers.

The officers will adopt a hippy lifestyle but will be equipped with sophisticated miniature cameras to help them gather information about where the travellers are planning to gather. They will also be watching for criminal activity including drug dealing, and will assist efforts to combat social security fraud.

Stars raise Aids profile

Television reports of celebrities such as Freddie Mercury and Rudolf Nureyev dying from Aids or declaring themselves HIV-positive are doing more to raise public awareness of the disease than documentaries, talk shows or dramas, a report published today says. The survey, commissioned by the Independent Television Commission, shows that coverage of the Princess of Wales at the bedside of Aids sufferers has played an important part in increasing public knowledge of the illness.

Knocked out of the ring

Lloyd Honeyghan, the former world welterweight champion, and Darren Dyer, a professional boxer, were yesterday involved in a confrontation in a London pub after which Honeyghan was detained overnight in Guy's Hospital for observation of a head injury. Dyer, Honeyghan's former training partner, was interviewed by Walworth police.

Soldier dies in train fall

A soldier died after falling from a 100mph Aberdeen to London InterCity train. The soldier, with The Royal Highland Fusiliers, was killed instantly in the incident near Retford, Nottinghamshire, on Tuesday night. BR has taken the train out of service for engineers to begin an investigation and has appealed for witnesses.

Top teacher doubts tests

Maeve Carty, an English teacher at a school in Enniskillen, co. Fermanagh, and Britain's newly-crowned Teacher of the Year, yesterday added to the calls for a suspension of national curriculum tests, which arrives in Northern Ireland next year. "They do not do justice to what has been done in school," she said.

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ITV complaints increase

Complaints to the Independent Television Commission in the first three months of this year increased by more than 300 per cent over the same period last year. Changes to the new Teletext service and withdrawal or rescheduling of a number of popular programmes under the new ITV network arrangements accounted for much of the increase.

Catholic awarded £30,000 by tribunal

BY EDWARD GORMAN, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

A ROMAN Catholic nurse in Northern Ireland was yesterday awarded the biggest settlement in damages in a case of alleged religious discrimination at work.

The province's Northern Health and Social Services Board agreed to pay Mary Elizabeth Hughes, a nurse from Portstewart, co. Londonderry, £30,000 in damages. The sum represents the maximum available in the Fair Employment Tribunal if the hearing into the case had been concluded and the complaint upheld.

Staff at the Northern Ireland Fair Employment Commission, which supported Mrs Hughes, are delighted by the outcome and hope that it will encourage employers to abide by its code of practice.

Mrs Hughes had alleged unlawful religious discrimination after her failure to be shortlisted for a post of unit director for nursing. The settlement was reached after four days of a hearing before the tribunal.

The board accepted that Mrs Hughes was justified in her complaint and that the way in which shortlisting criteria had been applied was improper. It said that it had now introduced measures to prevent a similar situation arising again, and apologised to Mrs Hughes. The board denied the matter had been one of religious discrimination.

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Iran gives warning on Rushdie meeting

By Christopher Walker
Middle East Correspondent

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Conservationists fight to save 'most beautiful walk in the North'

By Nigel Burnham

PART of the Yorkshire Dales described as "the most beautiful walk in the North of England" by Alfred Wainwright, the renowned walking guide, is at the centre of a conflict over conservation.

English Nature and the Countryside Commission want an order to prevent limestone from Helks Mount, Ingleton, being taken for rockeries and walls. But landowners claim the order is unnecessary bureaucracy.

The dispute is likely to reach a head tonight at a meeting of Yorkshire Dales National Park committee.

The plan is to protect all the Dales' limestone pavements, 35 areas of bare rock, and so far 19 limestone pavement orders have been made under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981. Most have gone through without serious opposition.

But the attempt to protect Helks Mount, 136 acres of stepped limestone pavement on the side and top of a steep gorge overlooking Ingleton waterfalls walk, has had a hostile response from the co-owners of the land, Ingleton Scenery Company (ISC).

For 100 years, ISC has administered the celebrated four-mile walk, which runs along the bottom of the gorge and has stunning views of 15 waterfalls. It argues that the limestone pavement is protected by an existing designation as a site of special scientific interest (SSSI). There is also concern that the order would hamper the ISC's conservation work in the area. It may, for example, need to drive roadways through the pavement in order to manage woodland there.

Richard Challenor of Davis and Bowring, managing agent for ISC, said: "We shouldn't be put to the bureaucratic inconvenience of having to apply to the national park every time we want to chip away a small piece of limestone rock. We have 100,000 people a year taking the walk and no one complains about the way we look after it."

Mark Owen, the national park's ecologist, said: "This is not bureaucracy for bureaucracy's sake. We have the largest amount of limestone pavements in the country and we have a special responsibility to protect them. Without protection the limestone at Helks Mount could still be removed for walling or rockery stone."

JOHN ANGERSON



Rocky route: walkers negotiate the limestone pavement near Ingleton, North Yorkshire, where environmentalists want a protection order

Court told how JP made gas chamber to murder his wife

By James Landale

A MAGISTRATE who tried to kill his sleeping wife with a home-made portable gas chamber killed the family cat while testing the equipment, a court was told yesterday.

Cranog Jones, 44, attempted to place a wooden box linked to a car exhaust over his wife's head while she slept in bed, Winchester Crown Court was told. He then intended to put the body into the car to make the death look like suicide.

Christopher Clark QC, for the prosecution, said that the "clever, devious and evil scheme" was something "straight out of a case that Monsieur Poirot considers on a Sunday night on television". Mr Jones, of Brockhampton, Gloucestershire, is charged with the attempted murder of his wife, Margaret, 42, in the early hours of December 7, 1991. He denies the charge. The court was told that Mr Jones fixed a hosepipe to the exhaust of his wife's car and ran it across a conservatory roof to a hole he had drilled in the bedroom wall. He then attached a flexible hose to a square wooden box which he planned to put over her head which was "rather like a diver's helmet".



Divorced: Margaret and Cranog Jones

However, at 3.05am, Mrs Jones was woken by the noise of the car engine. When she turned on the bedroom light, she was met by an "extraordinary sight", the court heard.

"There, at the foot of the bed, was her husband clutching a wooden box two foot square and two foot high," Mr Clark said. "From the box came a noise, like the sound of a car engine."

The engine was running on full choke and carbon monoxide was coming through the hose into the box. A blue quilt lay on the bed, ready to "to help contain the gas around the head of the sleeping Mrs Jones when the box had been put over her head", Mr Clark said. "It might have also been to help muffle the sound of the car."

Mrs Jones immediately realised something was wrong and said to her husband: "What the hell do you think you are doing?"

The court was told that Mr Jones wanted to make the death look like suicide. "The plan was to kill her or render her unconscious in bed and then to carry her inert body down into the garage and put it into the car and leave the engine running," Mr Clark said.

"The noise was the one thing Jones had not thought of when he put together his exceptionally clever plan to murder his wife," Mr Clark said. "It would have been the perfect murder."

Mrs Jones, 43, told the court she awoke in the darkened room to hear the sound of a motor running. "I remember a noise waking me up," she said. "It sounded like a motor. The room was in darkness and I could not see very well.

"I tried to walk along the bottom of the bed but I could not get past. I climbed over the bed and put the lights on. I saw my husband crouching over something at the bottom of the bed.

"I said to him, 'What are you doing? Are you trying to kill Cassy [the couple's daughter] as well?' I think he was trying to kill me." She added: "I saw a box. It was made of wood. I'd never seen it before, a pipe was running out of it."

Mrs Jones told the court she got dressed and picked up the phone to ring the police, but it was dead. Moments later she followed her husband to the kitchen door. He opened it, and she heard the car running. "I heard him take something off the roof. It sounded like a piece of plastic piping." Mrs Jones said she then went to a nearby phone box to call the police.

After Mr Jones was discovered by his wife, he set about removing the evidence and almost succeeded, the court heard. "He disposed of the box, removed the piping from the bedroom and across the conservatory roof and put a sponge ball into the hole in the wall," Mr Clark said.

The court heard that two police arrived at the house ten minutes after Mrs Jones woke up. "But they could not find any evidence to substantiate the allegations being made by Mrs Jones," Mr Clark said.

Mr Jones had driven off and was arrested when he returned. Mr Jones allegedly tried out the equipment on the family cat 24 hours before the attempted murder. Mr Jones allegedly backed the car in the garage, trapping his youngest daughter Cassandra's pet kitten in a box until it was choked by the fumes. Mr Clark told the court: "Was it an accidental death? It may be that the clue is, as in a Sherlock Holmes story, not 'The dogs that bark in the night' but the cat that was gassed in the morning." Mr Clark said that the cat was more of a guinea-pig. "It died and so he decided to try it out on his wife," he said.

The couple married in 1972 and had three children, Lisa, 19, Cranog Junior, 18, and Cassandra, nine, but by 1990 the marriage was faltering and divorce proceedings had begun.

The court heard that Mr Jones, who was head of training and education at Smith's Industries, a defence company, became obsessed with trying to prove that his wife was committing adultery, even though he was having an affair himself. He employed a private detective to follow his wife and taped all her phone calls in an attempt to prove she was unfaithful. The couple are now divorced.

The case continues.

Body may be woman missing for 20 years

By James Landale

THE body of a woman, believed to be that of a housewife who disappeared 20 years ago, has been dug up by police at her former home in Swindon, Wiltshire. Joan Main, 35, disappeared in January 1973.

On Tuesday, after six weeks' digging, Wiltshire police discovered the body six feet beneath the back garden of the house where Mrs Main had lived with her husband.

Police said that the sex of the body could not be confirmed because it was in a "very advanced state of decomposition". However, a spokeswoman said later that the body was "believed to be that of Joan Main" from shreds of clothing and jewellery.

The body was taken to the Princess Margaret Hospital in Swindon for a postmortem examination. Dental records would be used to identify the body. "We are now waiting for the results of that, which may take some little time," a spokesman said. "The coroner has been informed and there will be an inquest in due course."

Police had resumed their investigations after allegations late last year that Mrs Main had died, her body had been burned on a bonfire and the remains had been buried underneath the garage at the house. A nationwide police hunt was launched after Mrs Main she was last seen waving her three children off to school from her new home in Haydon Wick, Swindon on January 22, 1973.

David Main, 60, a plumber and gas engineer from Lechlade, Gloucestershire, was arrested last February and charged with the murder of his wife.



Joan Main: last seen 20 years ago

Solicitors jailed for stealing £1m from clients to save firm

By Bill Frost

A SOLICITOR was yesterday sentenced to four and a half years in jail for stealing more than £1 million from his clients and defrauding mortgage companies to prop up his ailing law firm.

Roland Fernandes, 55, was told by the judge at Luton Crown Court: "You showed flagrant indifference to the interests of your clients. They relied on your integrity."

Outside the court yesterday Lewis Nicholson, one of the partnership's former clients, called for an enquiry into the role of the Law Society in the affair. He had first reported Fernandes, a former barrister, for serious malpractice at the end of 1980, 12 years before the solicitor came to trial.

Mr Nicholson said he had asked Fernandes for his legal papers in 1979. He subsequently realised that some of his money, held by the solicitor, had gone missing and reported him to the society.

Judge Gareth Davies had earlier told Fernandes: "It is not acceptable that you used your privileged position of trust to play games with other peoples' money."

Phillip Hylton, Fernandes' partner in the Luton-based law firm, was jailed for three years after the jury was told how he had gambled hundreds of thousands of pounds of his clients' money on "doomed" business ventures.

Mr Nicholson said: "By November 1980 I had 39 allegations of malpractice. I presented this and asked the Law Society to investigate."

Fernandes had been found guilty by a jury of three charges of theft and one of fraud after two trials earlier this year. The offences involved individual client accounts and the Halifax Building Society.

The court heard how Fernandes had turned to crime as his business began to fail. He fraudulently took out mortgages on his country home in Great Brickhill, Buckinghamshire, and began stealing clients' money.

Hylton, 47, admitted one theft charge and two counts of fraud. He asked the court for six similar offences to be taken into consideration.

The Law Society said that £1.75 million in compensation had been paid to former clients and mortgage firms swindled by the pair.

Mr Nicholson said yesterday he would be sending a 46-page report to the home secretary "complaining about the Law Society's lack of action".

Russians search for ski-trek Britons

By Bill Frost

AS SNOW storms cleared in the Caucasus yesterday, rescue teams resumed their search for the four British climbers missing on the slopes of Mount Elbrus since Friday.

Shortly after first light, Russian airforce helicopters again flew low over the slopes of the 18,400ft peak where the party disappeared with a local guide. The Foreign Office said a British diplomat was heading for the search area and would be liaising with the rescue teams.

Dr John Milledge, 28, of Sheffield, Kenneth White, 42, of Dumbarton, Myles Plant, 42, of Lincoln, and Thomas Keely, 27, of Manchester, were members of a 15-strong group of ski-mountaineers on a holiday organised by High Adventure, a travel firm based in Nuneaton, Warwickshire. They had split into three teams on Good Friday for an ascent of Mount Elbrus. Two teams returned safely but the third has not been seen since.

A spokeswoman for High Adventure said the search had been hampered by appalling weather, but conditions had improved yesterday morning. "The helicopters are able to go up and the search is continuing," she said.

Marina Ryklina, a spokeswoman for the area's emergency services, said ten experienced mountain rescuers were "working the slopes". A smaller team was at the summit, where one man had been injured as the weather deteriorated.

☐ The Ski Club of Great Britain warned yesterday against skiing off-piste after Olivia Marchington, 22, from Didmarton, Gloucestershire, was killed by an avalanche (Louise Hidalgo writes).

She was skiing near the French Alpine resort of Meribel on Monday when she was engulfed. Mountain rescue teams rushed to save her, but she was pronounced dead at the scene.

The spring midday sun had melted snow on the upper slopes, which had already been loosened by high winds and new snow falls over the weekend. Miss Marchington was following two companions, who at first failed to notice she was missing.

First ball stumps high-tech scorers

By Alan Hamilton

THE first ball of the first-class cricket season was bowled yesterday with the scorer banished to the back of the box while a boffin tried to mend his computer. Luckily Brian Hunt, the Durham scorer in the match against Oxford University, had the presence of mind to pencil Michael Jeh's uneventful delivery to Graeme Fowler as a dot in an old-fashioned scorebook.

It was the first day in the history of the game of scoring by laptop, the result of a deal between the Test and County Cricket Board and Computer News Services. Scorers at all county games must transmit the ball-by-ball picture through a gadget on their knees, the intention being that newspapers, television and teletext services will have much more up-to-date scores than in the past. We bought an evening newspaper in central London at two o'clock yesterday, and found in its stop-press column the one-liner: "Durham 26 for 1 v Oxford Univ." We rang our man in the press box. "Oh no," he said emphatically, "they were 87 for five at lunch." So much for progress.

Mr Hunt, scoring by computer for Durham at The Parks, admitted that the first six overs of the opening match of the season had failed to make it down the telephone lines to the big daddy computer at Howden, Humberside, from where the data was supposed to wing its way to waiting newsdesks. "Couldn't get the phone connection," Mr Hunt said. "Just as well as I was using a pencil with my other hand."

At the other opening match of the season, four scorers crowded the press box to see Cambridge play Derbyshire. The electronics worked, but *bona fide* correspondents could barely squeeze into the box for scorers. "There are four of them in here," *The Times* correspondent reported. "Two on computers and two with pencils. The electricity has gone off once or twice. They've been relying on their batteries."

Colin Webb, editor-in-chief of the Press Association, the national news agency which gathers and distributes all sports results, admitted yesterday that old-fashioned reporters would still be despatched to county games throughout the season, with their usual instructions to telephone scores every half-hour. "It would be wrong, in this experimental period of electronic scoring, not to have a traditional back-up."

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NHS urged to question provision of therapy

Psychotherapy 'no better than a chat with a friend'

BY JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

PSYCHOTHERAPY is no more effective in helping people recover from depression or solve problems than an occasional chat with a doctor or advice from a friend, a review of recent research claims.

People who have dynamic psychotherapy, the conventional type in which patients explore past and present relationships with a therapist, are said to fare no better than those who have routine clinical care, but their treatment is more expensive and can carry greater risks.

No recent trial has shown it to be better than placebo in effecting recovery and its place in the NHS should be questioned, says the review, by an Australian psychiatrist, published in this month's *British Journal of Psychiatry*.

But British researchers said the effectiveness of psychotherapy, which derives from the work of Freud, Jung and their followers, had been established beyond reasonable doubt. Dr Shirley Reynolds, clinical psychologist on the University of Sheffield's psychotherapy research programme, said: "I'm sure a lot of people do find going to a friend helpful, but the question is whether psychotherapy provides added value.

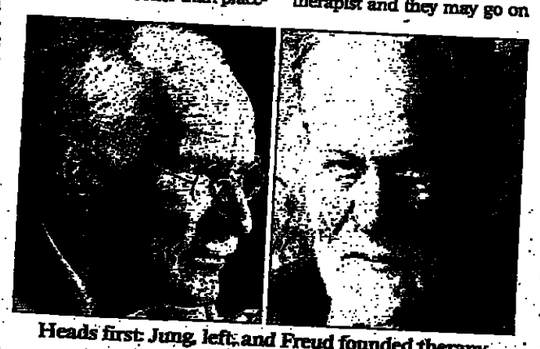
"The general view is that most therapies are equally effective and better than placebo. It depends on which of the research papers you choose."

The review will fuel controversy over the use of psychotherapy, which at least 100,000 people are estimated to be receiving, many on the NHS.

Demand for the treatment is growing, but it can be costly because patients have regular one-to-one sessions with a therapist and they may go on for months or years. Also, the close emotional involvement of therapist and patient can cause problems.

The review by Professor Gavin Andrews, an Australian psychiatrist who has spent ten years studying the effects of psychotherapy, concludes: "The lack of evidence for efficacy despite considerable research, the real possibility of harm, and the high cost all make long-term dynamic psychotherapy unlikely to be a preferred option of a health service."

He says the "universally bleak conclusion" of the research studies does not challenge Freud's theory of mental disorder, which has contributed much to understanding of the human mind. "However, the importance of his ideas does not mean that treatments derived from his work are automatically valid."



Heads first: Jung, left, and Freud founded therapy

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Port protest: fishing boats blockading the docks at Liverpool yesterday in protest at European Community rules limiting the time that they can spend at sea. Two Russian vessels bound for Liverpool and the Manchester ship canal were delayed by a flotilla of 35 boats that blocked the shipping lanes despite a high court injunction ordering them not to impede traffic (Ronald Faux writes). Fishermen said that, in many cases, business plans were based around their boats working all year. The Mersey Docks and Harbour Board said that much of the day's traffic had sailed on the early tide before the protesting boats appeared.

Woman dies after arson attack

A 71-year-old woman died in hospital three days after arsonists set fire to her home.

Iris Pink discovered the blaze in her flat at Clapham, south London, and suffered burns when she tried to escape. Vandals are believed to have set fire to a settee left outside her front door. Detectives are now treating the attack as murder.

Death leap

Sandro Salvatore, 24, jumped from the 28th floor of the London Hilton because he could not cope with becoming a head waiter. An inquest decided he killed himself.

Plaque charge

Victor Bethwaite, 35, accused of selling a £26,000 Roman plaque of Emperor Claudius found with a metal detector, was sent for trial at York Crown Court.

Dog man jailed

Philip Panter, 39, who starved his dog to death, was jailed for two years and banned from keeping animals for ten years by Leicester magistrates.

Beer boom

Sales of British beer in Italy have increased by 25 per cent since Paul Gascoigne started to play for a Rome football team. Newcastle Brown has become particularly popular.

Matched pairs

Shoe shop raiders in Doncaster stole stock worth £12,000 after spending an entire day pairing display samples with counterparts in storage.

Jaguar sues for XJ220 payments

BY ROBIN YOUNG

HIGH Court writs have been issued against some of the people who ordered the £415,000 Jaguar XJ220 and are now refusing to pay a £50,000 instalment because the 212mph car's resale value has collapsed in the recession.

At least one customer is planning to challenge the car's manufacturer, JaguarSport of Bloxham, Oxfordshire, a joint venture between Jaguar and TWR, which has issued writs for non-payment.

Jaguar first offered 350 cars for sale in December 1989. Buyers were asked to put down a £50,000 deposit plus VAT and had to be willing to wait at least two years for delivery.

The offer was more than four times over-subscribed with 1,500 applicants keen to buy. Now, Jaguar says, "a couple of dozen" buyers have failed to make their second £50,000 payment.

David Boole, Jaguar's director of public affairs, said yesterday: "We tried hard to ensure the 350 were genuine enthusiasts who wanted the car but, unfortunately, there were a number of speculators involved.

"While the genuine enthusiasts have been happy to take delivery of the cars, the speculators, having seen the value diminish, are wriggling and trying to avoid delivery."

Mr Boole said all the buyers had entered into legally binding contracts which the company intended to enforce.

Crossman Block, the London solicitors who represent six XJ220 buyers, said yesterday the dispute should be dealt with by arbitration. So far about 100 of the cars have been delivered.

BBC plans epic hunt for the Yeti

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN
MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

THE BBC is studying plans for an epic televised expedition in search of the Yeti, the mythical beast also known as the Abominable Snowman.

Led by Brian Blessed, the actor, the proposed adventure series will take an eight-member camera crew on a 3,000-mile journey through the Himalayas and to the snowy wastes of Canada. Still in its early stages, the programme is based on the highly successful and lucrative series of BBC travelogues made by Michael Palin, the actor and explorer. Early estimates of the cost of the expedition, which programme-makers hope will be ready for departure by next February, are about £1 million.

Blessed, 57, who is planning is to mount a separate expedition to Mount Everest in August, said yesterday the series could help answer a deep contemporary need for adventure and myth. "There is a need for a monster like this in our society. If we did not have them, we would have to create them," he said.

BBC Television Features in Bristol said the project was still awaiting approval. "Nothing has been decided yet. It promises to be very exciting, if it ever goes ahead," a spokeswoman said. Programme-makers say they intend to research the series at the Smithsonian Institute in Washington and plan to complete the trek with the aid of local trackers and Sherpa guides.

The Yeti features in many cultures' mythology as a huge humanoid, hairy beast. In Russia he is known as the Almas Giant, while in parts of Southeast Asia peasants refer to him as the Wildman of China. The Yeti's existence is based on reported sightings.



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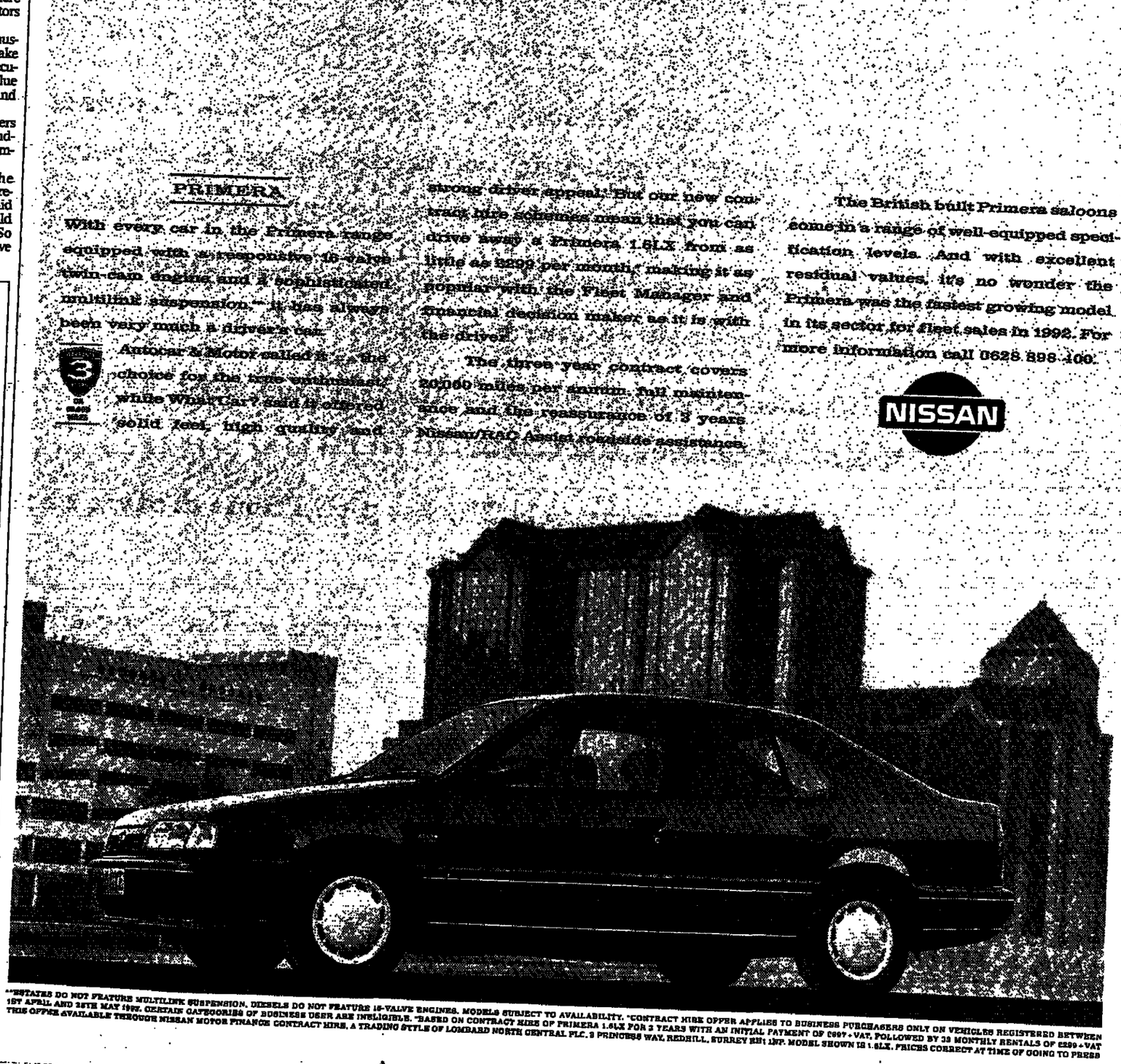
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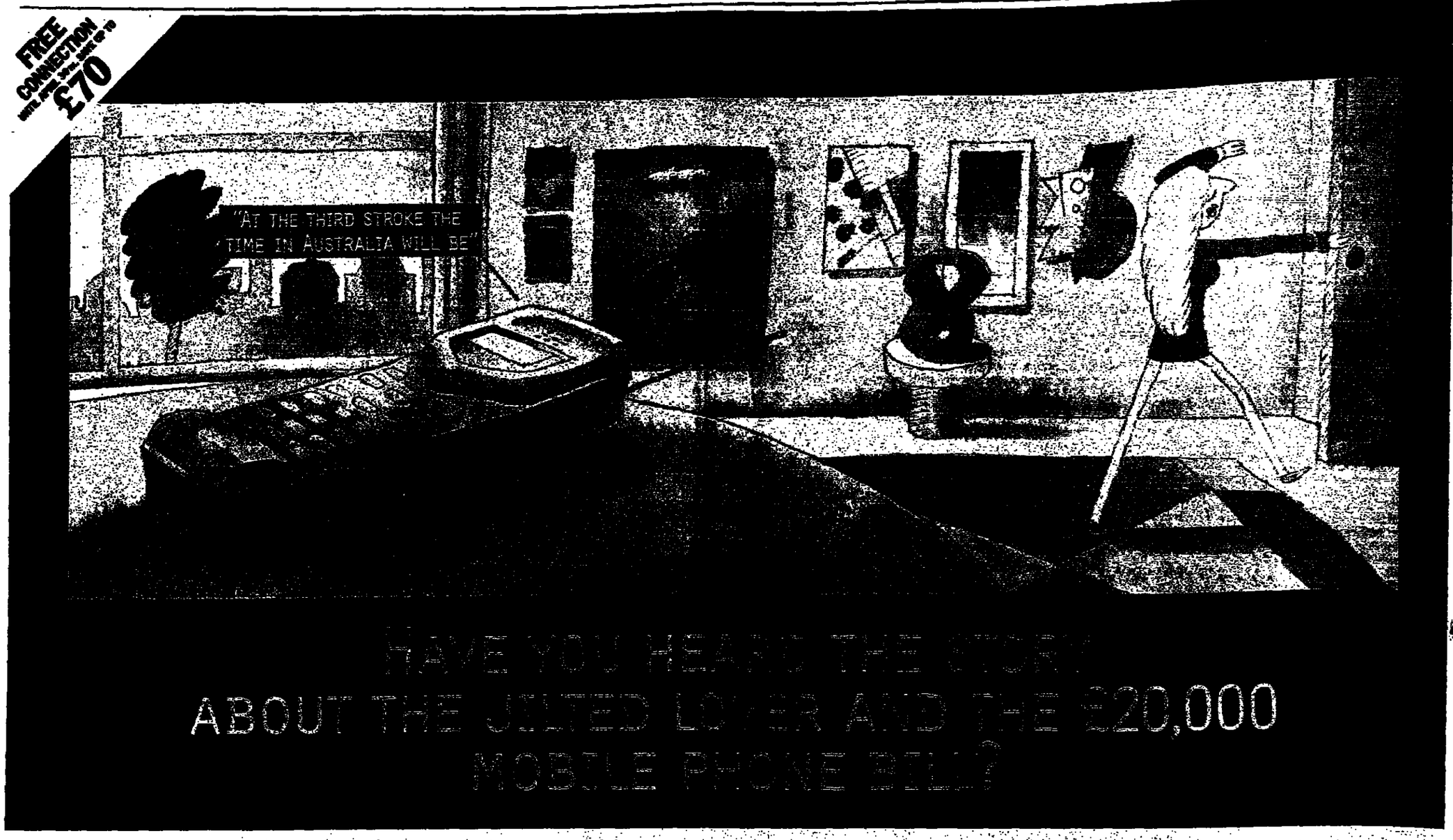
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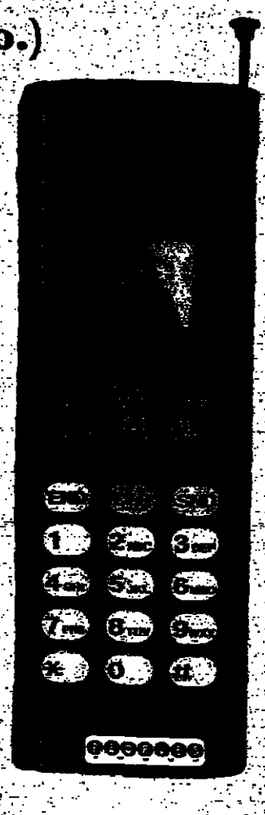
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Anti-hunt lobby says report misses the point: that blood sports are unnecessarily cruel

National Trust set to sanction deer hunting on its land

By Michael Hornsby, Agriculture Correspondent

THE National Trust is expected to sanction the hunting of deer with hounds on its land after a specially commissioned report published yesterday said that the deer would suffer if hunting were banned.

The findings will come as a relief to the trust's 52-member ruling council, which is opposed to a ban on deer hunting but has been under pressure to implement one since trust members voted narrowly in favour of such a move at their annual meeting in November, 1990.

The report says hunting plays a vital role in preserving the habitat on which the deer depend and in securing the goodwill and co-operation of landowners and farmers in managing deer numbers.

Resolutions passed at annual meetings are not binding on the council, which played for time by setting up a working party under Robert Savage, professor of geology at the University of Bristol, to examine the implications of a ban. The council will meet to consider the report on Tuesday and is expected to confirm its opposition to a ban, which would affect 17,000 acres of trust land regularly used by hunters, mostly in the Quantock Hills in Somerset and on Exmoor.

Jim Barrington, executive director of the League Against Cruel Sports, said the working party's report had "completely missed the point". He said: "It does not address the issue of the cruelty involved in hunting at all. We agree that deer need to be culled but, interestingly, the report concedes that hunting's role there is very limited."

The working party says that a ban would have "adverse economic and social consequences for the rural communities on Exmoor and the Quantocks". Professor Savage said yesterday the role of the hunt in keeping down deer numbers and preventing them from damaging farm crops and woodland was significant but not vital. However, the hunt was of "critical importance" in ensuring the co-operation of landowners and farmers in the management of deer.

"Probably the hunt's most important contribution to the welfare of the deer is the preservation of the moorland and woodland in which they live," Professor Savage said. Without hunting, such land could be ploughed up for crops or grazed by sheep.

Separate research by Southampton University, commissioned by the working party, puts the population of red deer on Exmoor and the Quantocks at about 7,000, many more than previously thought. Their population is thought to be growing by up to 10 per cent a year.

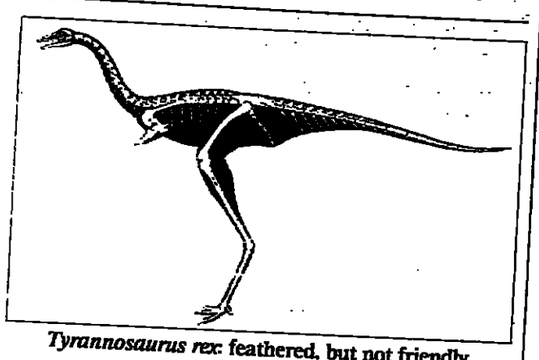
About 1,000 deer are culled every year, of which hunting accounts for 130. Professional marksmen employed by bodies such as the Forestry Commission account for about half the cullings, with poachers estimated to be responsible for a further 10 to 30 per cent, according to the research.

Professor Savage said that 1,400 deer probably needed to be culled annually.

He said that cruelty was not part of the working party's remit, but there were many different views on the subject. "Deer in the wild are accustomed to being chased and it is not clear what extra stress, if any, they suffer as a result of being hunted."



Swimming for its life: a photograph from the League Against Cruel Sports shows a stag chased by hounds from the Devon & Somerset hunt



Tyrannosaurus rex: feathered, but not friendly

Dinosaurs seem to be birds of a feather

By Nick Nuttall, Technology Correspondent

MANY meat-eating dinosaurs, including the ferocious *Tyrannosaurus rex*, may have sported feathers during their juvenile or adult lives.

The intriguing possibility has been presented by a fossil found in the Gobi desert, where a joint American and Mongolian team has unearthed the skeleton of a turkey-sized animal.

The fossil, the most complete of its kind, is of a creature that shares features common to meat-eating, two-legged dinosaurs and modern birds. There are links between scales, the traditional coating for reptiles, and feathers.

Dr Angela Milner, a dinosaur expert at the Natural History Museum in London, who has seen details of the research, said: "Feathers may ... have been widespread among bipedal dinosaurs as an insulating outer layer, as well as being universal in birds."

The new animal, which has been called *Mononychus olecranus* or "one claw", was found by palaeontologists from the American Museum of Natural History in New York and the Mongolian Museum of Natural History in Ulan Bator, Mongolia. It lived 65 to 80 million years ago during the Late Cretaceous period, at the same time as tyrannosaurus and albertosaurus.

Anatomical studies indicate that the creature was probably flightless, like an ostrich.

Dr Mark Norell, an assistant curator at the American museum, said yesterday that the find raised the possibility that flight may have evolved twice among prehistoric animals.

The first fossil recognised as a primitive bird was *Archaeopteryx*, found in 1861 in Bavaria. One theory is that birds evolved from archaeopteryx, which lived about 170 million years ago, but flight died out in the line that led to mononychus.

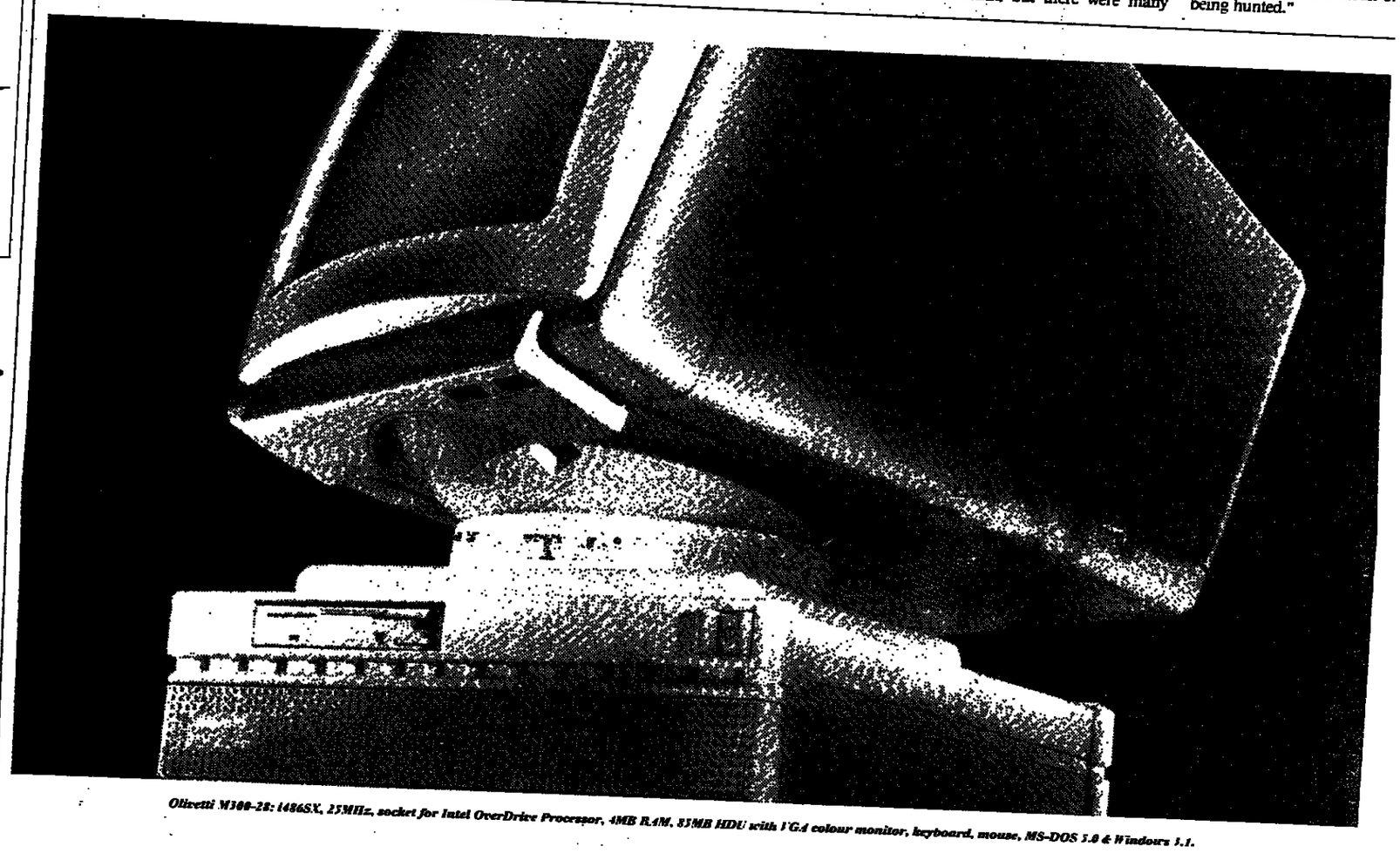
"The other theory is that flight arose twice: once in the line leading to archaeopteryx [where it died out] and once in the line leading to modern birds," said Dr Norell. This would make mononychus an offshoot of the line that led to today's birds.

Cash in dung heaps

BLOBS of dried elephant dung coated with resin are being sold by Paignton zoo in Devon for £5.95. Visitors buying the droppings, which are mounted on wooden stands, have been told they are odour free and safe, but that they should be thrown away if they are damaged.

A dozen of the trophies were bought when they went on sale as an experiment during the Easter weekend, one by an Australian woman who intended to give it to a former boy friend. The zoo plans to sell the 100 daily droppings from its elephants, Duchess and Gay.

Alan Smart, a zoo spokesman, said: "We are aiming to have a couple of thousand ready for the summer. Duchess and Gay are putting their backs into it."



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Washington gives Serbs ultimatum on peace plan

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

US REACTION

THE Clinton administration issued an ultimatum to Serbia yesterday, warning that America would press for the lifting of the UN arms embargo against Bosnia's Muslims unless the Serbs very quickly signed on to the UN's Vance-Owen peace plan.

Reginald Bartholomew, Washington's special envoy to the peace negotiations, did not set a precise deadline, but said the Serbs had to sign "soon, soon. We are not talking of an extended track with what is happening on the ground."

Mr Bartholomew spoke before flying from Croatia to Belgrade for meetings with Slobodan Milosevic, the Serbian president, and Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, designed to sustain the West's diplomatic pressure on the Serbs to end their aggression in Bosnia.

Also in Belgrade for the same purpose was Vitali Churkin, Russia's deputy foreign minister, who had met Mr Karadzic on Tuesday but with little apparent success.

It seemed likely that Mr Milosevic would regard Mr Bartholomew's ultimatum as another empty threat, because he knows the United States would find it extremely hard to obtain UN Security Council approval for arming the Bosnian Muslims. Indeed, some European officials suggested that Mr Bartholomew's statement was aimed more at a domestic audience which has seen President Clinton retreat from campaign promises of robust action to end the bloodshed.

Unless Boris Yeltsin emerges the clear victor in Russia's April 25 referendum, he may be too weak to oppose hardline nationalist opponents who view the Serbs as traditional allies. Britain and France are also firmly opposed to lifting the embargo, arguing that to do so would end both the humanitarian relief efforts and any chance of a peaceful resolution.

Malcolm Rifkind, the defence secretary, will have lengthy discussions with Les Aspin, his American counterpart, in Washington next week, but sources said yesterday that the only circumstance under which Britain might conceivably review its opposition would be if the Vance-Owen peace plan was transparently dead. If, for example, Mr Yeltsin had lost power in Russia or the Serbs took Srebrenica, eastern Bosnia's last big Muslim enclave, "we would clearly be faced with some very difficult choices".

Though emotionally inclined towards intervention himself, President Clinton must also weigh conflicting advice from his own top advisers. The joint chiefs of staff are reportedly telling him that neither arming the Muslims nor bombing Serbian military positions would have a decisive impact on the conflict. Mr Aspin is said to be more favourably disposed to punitive air strikes, but has yet to press the case. State Department officials are concerned about allied opposition to direct or indirect military intervention.

Some influential figures in the White House, the National Security Council and elsewhere believe that America not only has a compelling moral obligation to stop the carnage but an overwhelming strategic interest in demonstrating that aggression is not an acceptable means of resolving ethnic feuds. Their hand was bolstered yesterday by Lady Thatcher's forceful advocacy on American television of arming the Muslims and bombing Serb military targets.

☐ **Copenhagen:** Denmark's foreign minister yesterday rejected an accusation by Lady Thatcher that the European Community had failed in its efforts to end the Yugoslav conflict. "I reject that," Niels Helveg Petersen said in an interview with the BBC.

Mr Petersen, whose country is current EC president, said: "The baroness should realise that Yugoslavia is not the Falkland Islands."

Mr Petersen said the EC had played a constructive role in the war by sponsoring the Vance-Owen peace plan, "which is the only realistic plan on the table". *(Reuter)*

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Bosnia concern: Lady Chalker said the Serbs might still agree to the peace plan

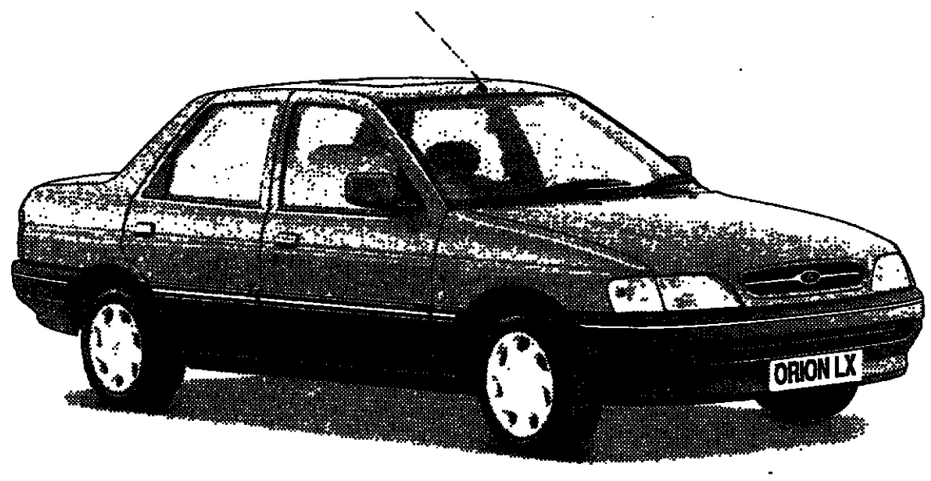
Chalker warning on arms

BARONESS Chalker, the minister for overseas development, said yesterday that in attacking Western policy on Bosnia and calling for the Muslims to be armed and for possible air strikes against the Serbs, Baroness Thatcher had "struck a chord but without realising the consequences".

Lady Chalker added: "You don't achieve an end to slaughter by adding arms to an already well-armed area." She said it was also necessary not to upset attempts to persuade the Serbs to agree to the peace plan drawn up by Cyrus Vance and Lord Owen. "We still have a chance to get the Russians to persuade the Serbs to sign up to the plan."

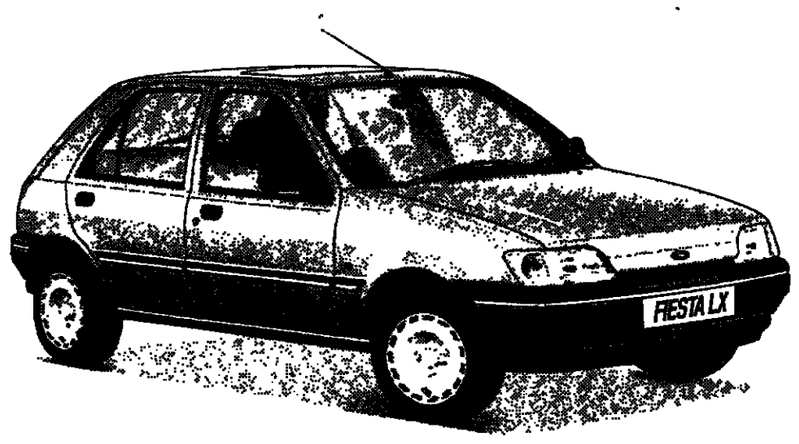
Officials said Britain was concentrating on the enforcement of the no-fly zone over Bosnia and Western efforts to secure UN approval for tougher sanctions on Serbia. The humanitarian operation in Bosnia could be ended by the intervention urged by Lady Thatcher, an official said, and factions in Russia could be encouraged to give military help to the Serbs.

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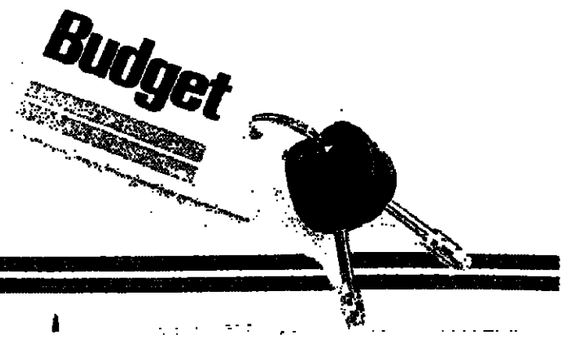
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Thatcher outburst finds little support among Tory right

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

Margaret Thatcher has now moved outside the world of conventional politics. She has become like Henry Kissinger or Richard Nixon in America, who can command the headlines because of their names, but who have only an indirect influence on day-to-day policymaking.

Her audience is public, even international, opinion. Her furious criticisms of European policy on the Bosnian conflict were initially expressed on British and American television — though yesterday she made a rare intervention during exchanges in the House of Lords. Her onslaught has found few supporters in the Commons. Malcolm Rifkind and Douglas Hogg easily answered her calls to lift the arms embargo on the Bosnian Muslims and to launch air attacks on the Serbs.

The Thatcher brigade of those proclaiming outrage, if not agreeing with her detailed proposals, mainly consisted of mavericks such as Dale Campbell-Savours, Frank Field, Tony Banks, Winston Churchill and Patrick Cormack. The Tory right were far from bellicose and members of the defence establishment like Sir Nicholas Bonsor and Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith were cautious over any move which might endanger British troops.

One former cabinet colleague said that, when prime minister, she might initially have made such an outburst in private, but she would have eventually been talked round by Geoffrey Howe or Douglas Hurd.

Ministers were careful yesterday not to criticise Baroness Thatcher personally. Mr Rifkind did not repeat his dismissive reference to "emotional nonsense" of Tuesday evening. Indeed, he scarcely mentioned her at all.

The government is nonetheless aware that Lady Thatcher has struck a chord in expressing outrage over the horrors of Bosnia. Even if they do not agree with her detailed proposals, as most do not, many MPs are worried about what is happening.

The government's approach has all the inherent strengths and weaknesses of being reasonable in face of unreasonable, barbarous behaviour. Mr Rifkind's argument, and his rebuttal of Lady Thatcher's proposals, sounded reasonable at each stage — the dangers of even bloodier fighting and a collapse of the international consensus if the Muslims are armed and/or the Serbs attacked; the absence of public support for operations risking British lives; and the fragile nature of Russian co-operation in the face of domestic pressures on Boris Yeltsin to back the Serbs.

In the view of ministers avoiding actions which might weaken Mr Yeltsin ahead of the Russian referendum later this month should take priority, even if this means a two-week delay in agreeing a security council resolution tightening sanctions on Serbia.

Ministers have been forced to be more explicit about the constraints they face. Mr Rifkind admitted yesterday: "It may not be the most heroic policy. It may not resolve the problems overall in Bosnia, but to say that because we cannot achieve all we would like we must resign ourselves to doing nothing at all is a counsel of despair."

Lady Thatcher's interventions, whatever their flaws of diagnosis and prognosis, have forced the Bosnian issue to the centre of the political debate. Ministers cannot escape the failure of the current policies to limit the killing in Bosnia.

PETER RIDDELL

EC mediator echoes call to use air power

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

OWEN

LORD Owen, who yesterday said Baroness Thatcher's calls for military pressure on the Bosnian Serbs were emotional and simplistic, has, however, again backed the use of air power to force the Serbs to accept a peace settlement.

In the US journal *Foreign Affairs*, the European Community mediator said he disagreed with the defence ministry that such air raids would require military intervention on the ground. "What we all need now is a peace package that can be agreed to by the security council even if we only get two of the three parties to sign up," Lord Owen said. "We can increase sanctions and perhaps then tilt that balance of force by the use of air power to pressure the other party, in this case the Bosnian Serbs, to sign up. It is best done by splitting the Serbs, with Belgrade pressuring the Bosnian Serbs."

Lord Owen advocated the use of air power to cut the Bosnian Serbs' supply lines last July, before he was appointed EC mediator. He later moderated his line for fear of alienating the Serbs. But now the Bosnian Croats and the Muslim-led Bosnian government have signed the peace plan he drew up with his UN counterpart, Cyrus Vance. Lord Owen seems more willing to talk tough.

Asked to amplify his views yesterday, Lord Owen demurred, saying only that his position was "very different from what Mrs Thatcher is saying". On BBC radio, he had emphasised that he opposed Lady Thatcher's suggestion that the Muslims be exempted from the UN arms embargo, saying such a step would encourage Russia to arm the Serbs. "Sometimes Lady Thatcher makes it appear very simple," he said. "It's not, unfortunately." But Lady Thatcher also proposed that the international community threaten air power against the Bosnian Serbs if they did not accept a peace plan by a deadline — an idea not unlike Lord Owen's.

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Plea for weapons 'a Muslim strategy to draw in Western troops'

By Michael Evans
Defence Correspondent

ARMS

Speak to a Muslim commander in Turbe, Travnik or Srebrenica and his message will be the same: "Give us weapons and we will fight our own war against the Serbs." This has been the Muslim cry ever since the war in Bosnia-Herzegovina began more than a year ago.

The Muslims have always had to fight the Bosnian Serbs at a huge disadvantage. Armed with Kalashnikovs, limited stocks of ammunition, second world war anti-aircraft guns, mortars and a handful of ancient artillery pieces, they have been relatively defenceless against the big guns that surround their surviving enclaves.

Their Bosnian Croat "allies" have more weapons but have made no moves to share them. In some Muslim defence lines, Kalashnikovs are so scarce that soldiers have to exchange them between shifts.

The appeal to arm the Muslims was first taken up by Baroness Thatcher last year but her words failed to have the same impact as yesterday's emotional denunciation of Western policy. It has always been an option, though opposed by most Western governments. The new American administration is an exception, but even President Clinton has not yet adopted the proposal as policy.

There would be huge obstacles. First and foremost, it is difficult to imagine the Russians agreeing to support a United Nations Security Council move to lift the arms embargo in favour of the Muslims. A Russian veto because of their ties with Serbia would scupper the proposal.

However, if a partial lifting of the ban was agreed — with Russia abstaining — the West would have to find ways of moving artillery into Muslim enclaves. Light guns, with a 105mm calibre, could be slung under helicopters.

Heavier guns would require low loaders. Either way, the West would have to commit personnel as well as equipment, both for training the Muslims and for keeping the ammunition supplies flowing. Jonathan Eyal, director of studies at the Royal United Services Institute, said that this was the strategy behind the Muslims' appeal to the West to supply arms. "They ask for arms in the full knowledge that this is the one way to draw Western forces in."

To provide the Muslims with the arms they need to counter the Serbs, which would include tanks as well as artillery, shiploads of equipment would have to enter the Adriatic. Smaller arms could be flown in to Tuzla, in northeastern Bosnia. However, the risks would be high. Tuzla has been shelled on many occasions by Serb artillery. Even before Western arms arrived, the Serbs would undoubtedly pre-empt any such intervention by increasing their assault on the remaining Muslim enclaves in eastern Bosnia: Srebrenica, Zepa and Gorazde. The result would be even greater slaughter.

The logistic challenge alone makes the proposal impractical. So why are the Americans — and Lady Thatcher — considering the option? A senior American diplomat explained that the US had a different perception of the war. "In Europe, the feeling is that this is a civil war but in the US there is a greater sense that it is a war of aggression and, for the Muslims, it's not a fair fight because they don't have the weapons."

The diplomat said that, unless the Muslims had the means to defend themselves and to recover territory, the Serbs "will not negotiate sensibly". He admitted, however, that there were sound arguments against lifting the arms embargo. Arming the Muslims could lead to a "weapons free-for-all", with countries such Iran joining in: a move that would not be welcomed in Washington.

Dr Eyal said: "Arming the Muslims might salve the conscience of the West but it would achieve nothing except more slaughter. Would it expiate the West's guilty conscience to see Serbian children as well as Muslim children being killed?"

Serbs tighten noose around town after 56 die in shelling

From Tim Judah
in Belgrade

■ Tales of bloodshed in Srebrenica overshadow the seemingly futile efforts of American and Russian peace envoys

THE Serbs were reported to be tightening their noose around the besieged eastern Bosnian enclave of Srebrenica yesterday as Russian and American envoys made apparently futile attempts to persuade them to sign the Vance-Owen peace plan for Bosnia-Herzegovina. Vitali Churkin and Reginald Bartholomew both met Serb leaders in Belgrade yesterday.

In Bosnia the two-week ceasefire seemed to have collapsed. Fighting was reported not just around Srebrenica but elsewhere, including Turbe, Olovo, Gradacac and Stolac.

Louis Gentile, a worker with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, yesterday gave a graphic account of the scenes in Srebrenica when it was subjected to a savage Serb bombardment on Monday. Fifty-six people died in the attack, including 15 children.

"People were throwing bodies into oxcarts or anything that would move, throwing bodies into wheelbarrows. I say bodies because some of the people were alive and some were not," Mr Gentile said. "Some were not really looking like people anymore. There were parts of bodies. There were people whose intestines were falling out, people whose brains were coming out of their eyes."

Mr Gentile said the shelling was extremely precise. "It just systematically went down the middle of the town ... clearly intended to wound as many civilians as possible." He said children had died when shells hit the playground where they were having a game of football. "One was a kid who must have been between five and seven and had been decapitated. There was just no head left on his body."

Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, suggested yesterday that Srebrenica's Muslim defenders had staged the attack themselves in order to provoke foreign outrage and eventual participation in the war. Bosnian Serb sources say 43 Serb soldiers have been killed in the past two days.

In Belgrade Mr Churkin held a series of talks with Serb and Bosnian Serb leaders but without apparent success. Hamstrung by the need to placate President Yeltsin's conservative opponents in Russia, he is a toothless envoy, much to the delight of Serb leaders. "We welcome Russian engagement," Mr Karadzic said. "Mr Churkin is making a great effort ... in seeking a compromise."

Although the predicament of Mr Yeltsin has caused a stay of execution in the UN over extending sanctions, Serb commentators have recently toned down their vitriolic denunciations of the Russian president. His difficulties suit them because he cannot be seen to be too much in league with the West and must therefore try to protect the Serbs. On the other hand, Mr Yeltsin cannot be overly reviled in Belgrade to the extent that he decides to support tougher sanctions or the lifting of the arms embargo on the Bosnian government.

While he was in Belgrade, Mr Churkin saw opposition leaders including Vuk Draskovic. According to Mr Draskovic, "Churkin has nothing to offer, no new proposals and is just listening to what Karadzic has to say".

There was confusion yesterday in Vicenza, in Italy, where the Nato no-fly-zone patrols over Bosnia are co-ordinated. A spokesman said a Dutch pilot had spotted a white single-engined plane over southeastern Bosnia on Tuesday. The spokesman later denied the report, saying: "It has been ascertained that there was no visual observation by the F16 pilot."

UN glosses over role of Croats in war

From Tim Judah
in Belgrade

BATTLE LINES

PORING over United Nations reports from Srebrenica yesterday, a senior UN official said: "Look, the Muslims have put their artillery behind the hospital. It seems that they began the shooting and the Serbs, being the tough guys on the block, blasted back with all they had."

The result was 56 dead, among them 15 children. In response the Serbs claimed that the Muslims had killed 43 Serb soldiers 12 of whom, they claimed, had been "finished off with pitchforks and mallets".

Other UN officials are unsure whether the Muslims shot first on Monday but, even if they did, the official pointed out: "Who is going to shout about it? It just makes things too complicated. We are supposed to know who are the good guys and who are bad ones."

Masked Bosnian Croats with swastikas on their helmets yesterday waylaid UN aid trucks on their way to Muslim-held Travnik but, because the war must remain simple, the UN Security Council does not make the threats or demands that it does when the Serbs do the same. Some UN officials also believe that no-fly zone reports are filtered by the UN headquarters in Zagreb to play down the number of violations by Croat planes. These are normally on missions to deliver arms or on reconnaissance runs.

Another example of a complexity of the war which is regularly ignored is the fact that, while the Serbs are told that they must dismantle their Bosnian Serb republic under the terms of the Vance-Owen plan, the Croats are consolidating their own mirror-image state.

The Zagreb-controlled puppet state, based ostensibly in Mostar in western Herzegovina, permits no dissent from its Muslim minority and its Serbs have been "ethnically cleansed" or killed. Those Muslims who have complained that their government is in Sarajevo have had their villages burnt down just like those of their co-religionists in Serb-conquered eastern Bosnia.

Meanwhile, in the north, another war is being waged. The Croats, still allied here to the Muslims, keep up their pressure on the two-mile-wide corridor linking Serbia to Serb held territories in northern Bosnia and beyond in Croatia.



Innocent victim: a Bosnian Muslim soldier carries the coffin of a Srebrenica baby who was buried yesterday

British team to counsel Muslim women

By Alice Thomson

VICTIMS

A TEAM of British health experts is to be sent to Bosnia to counsel Muslim women whose lives have been torn apart by rape and the violence of war.

The emergency team of psychologists and social workers will fly into central Bosnia within the next few weeks to help thousands of Muslim refugees try to come to terms with the agony of seeing their family lives smashed into fragments.

The charity Marie Stopes International has been asked to go to Bosnia following a European Community investigation headed by Dame Anne Warburton, which concluded that thousands of the women had been raped. Estimates vary from between 10,000 to as many as 60,000.

So far emergency aid has concentrated on providing medical services to the 800,000 refugees living in central Bosnia. But yesterday Baroness Chalker, the overseas development minister, announced a £2.5 million programme for Bosnian women which will be funded by the EC humanitarian office, the UN High Commission for Refugees, Britain, Germany, Luxembourg and The Netherlands.

In London, Marie Stopes International said it was impressed with the size of the aid package. The 20-year-old charity runs women's health care programmes in 35 countries, dealing with family planning, but it is their expertise in abortion counselling and physical abuse that will be needed in Bosnia. Twelve staff from its headquarters will be flown to Bosnia and 40 staff will be recruited locally. Marie Stopes' communications co-ordinator, Helen Mitchell, said yesterday: "We decided that we should focus first on the central Bosnian towns of Tuzla, Zenica, Kiseljak and Jablanica."

Although The International Committee of the Red Cross and Bosnian and Croatian women's groups have been compiling evidence over nine months, it is impossible to put an estimate on the number of women who have been raped and it is easy to become cynical when journalists are asked to join long queues repeatedly to interview the same nine or ten rape victims.

But the charity says its concern is not to verify the number of rape victims. Instead, it hopes to try to give Muslim women back their self-respect. "Most of them are functioning in survival mode. It sounds twee to say we will be giving coffee mornings, but that will be part of our plans," Ms Mitchell said.

"We will set up self-help groups and give medical advice. But we are not going to ask rape victims to put up their hands. We want to do this by word of mouth.

"Following the EC commission report we will also try to educate Muslim society to accept back their rape victims, but in a war zone it will be impossible to do any serious psychotherapy."

Some of the Bosnian women's groups are already sceptical. Indijana Harper, a spokeswoman for Bosnian Women in London, said: "If the international community does not intervene properly, these women you are trying to counsel will soon be captured again, and either raped or slaughtered."

Thatcher takes her crusade to America

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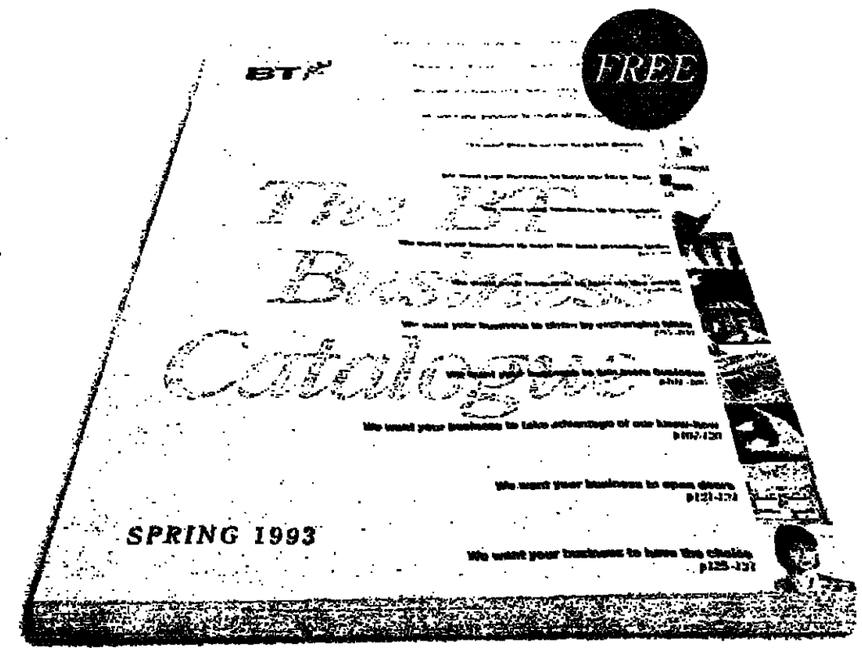
has flipped and gone completely mad." Robert Adley, MP for Christchurch, said: "My advice to the prime minister is that if he wants foreign policy advice from any of his predecessors, he had better listen to Lord Home and Lord Callaghan rather than this former Finchley fishwife."

Winston Churchill, MP for Davyhulme, praised the intervention, however. "For somebody who is not in government, there is nobody who speaks with greater force or greater authority." In the Commons, he said that it was unprecedented for the UN to impose an embargo on victims of military aggression. It was an inevitable consequence of present policy that ethnic cleansing and genocide would continue because nothing was being done by the international community to stop it.

Lady Thatcher even found support on the Labour benches. Dale Campbell-Savours backed military intervention, saying: "This cancer growing at the very heart of Europe has got to be stopped now before it spreads even further." Tony Banks added: "Margaret Thatcher at least articulated the deep anger and frustration that many people in this country feel about the inability of EC powers to do something about the situation in Bosnia." He called for an ultimatum to the Belgrade to control the Bosnian Serbs or face direct UN attacks inside Serbia.

As he was speaking, American and Russian envoys were both in Belgrade trying to force the Serbs to accept the Vance-Owen peace plan, although they said it was a coincidence that they were both there at the same time. The UN Security Council has put off a vote on new sanctions against Serbia for a fortnight at Russia's request, and the Russian envoy Vitali Churkin expresed cautious optimism that a deal could be reached by then. "I think we should achieve a solution as soon as possible," he said.

Radovan Karadzic, the leader of the Bosnian Serbs, emerged from his meeting with Mr Bartholomew to announce that he was calling the Muslims and Croats for face-to-face talks. "There is no settlement without direct talks," he said. "We should sit down and talk face-to-face to exchange some territories to get a quick solution." The Muslims and Croats have accepted the Bosnian map as drawn by Lord Owen and Mr Vance. Only the Serbs have rejected it.



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By-election date set to stretch Lib Dems

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

PADDY Ashdown yesterday launched the Liberal Democrat campaign for the county council elections as the government confirmed that the Newbury by-election, in which his party is expected to mount a close challenge to the Conservatives, will be held on the same day, May 6.

Ministers openly admitted that one of the motives behind staging the elections on the same day would be to try to stretch Liberal Democrat resources to the limit.

The government's majority in the seat made vacant by the death of Judith Chaplin is 12,357 and most Tory MPs believe it could be vulnerable. The Liberal Democrats control the district council and need a 9.3 per cent swing to overturn the Conservatives in the sort of success they have had in the last two parliaments. Mr Ashdown said: "The Newbury by-election is one in which we are the clear challengers. It's a very important moment for the country. Newbury can speak for Britain."

Labour intensified its campaign for the local elections with a claim that the council tax would be on average £14 lower in Labour areas.

Mr Ashdown attacked the "paralysis" in Mr Major's government and unveiled his party's manifesto. He said: "In a moment of national gloom, these local elections can give Britain new hope. They offer the opportunity to vote for Liberal Democrat action to replace Conservative inaction; the opportunity to support local action, to improve on national inaction. On issue after issue, Mr Major's government seems paralysed by inactivity and lack of ideas."

Liberal Democrats hold or share power in more than 130 councils.

The manifesto promises to introduce local income tax and proportional representation for council elections. It also includes ideas for compensation for customers when councils fail to provide adequate levels of public service and encouraging schools to develop an area of expertise. The party would also consider the case for exempting some small businesses from the uniform business rate on grounds of hardship.

The Liberals will be boosted in the Berkshire county council election by the decision of two Labour candidates to withdraw to avoid splitting the anti-Conservative vote in two wards. The move has angered the Labour leadership, which has called for a report from regional officers in the area. The Liberal Democrat leadership denies that it amounts to a formal pact.

Jack Straw, the shadow environment secretary, said: "We would have preferred that voters in those areas, as in every area, had Labour candidates."

The Labour leadership claimed that while Labour councils had been trying trying to protect jobs the government had washed its hands of the economy. Labour-controlled authorities were able to make a difference for businesses in their area, Harriet Harman, the shadow Treasury chief secretary, said. "What Labour councils have been doing, while the government have been washing their hands of the economy, is trying to protect businesses and jobs in their area." A party survey of county councils' economic policies showed that unemployment rose faster in Tory-controlled areas than in those covered by Labour councils, she said.

The Newbury poll will end a record gap of one year and 180 days between Westminster by-elections, the longest gap at least since the war and possibly since the end of the 17th century, when Parliament first sat every year.

Prospective candidates named for the by-election so far: Julian Davidson (C), David Rendel (Lib Dem), Steve Billcliffe (Lab), Jim Wallis (Green), Dr Alan Sked (Anti-Federalist).

General election: Mrs J. Chaplin (C) 37,135; David Rendel (Lib Dem) 24,778; Richard Hall (Lab) 3,962; Jim Wallis (Green) 539.



A voice for the people: Sir Philip Goodhart, the former Conservative minister, launching a new pamphlet yesterday in support of the campaign for a referendum on the Maastricht treaty. The booklet, *Let the People Speak*, says it is clear that so far the Maastricht debate has produced frustration and confusion (Robert Morgan writes). It is equally clear, it says, that important constitutional changes should not be forced through Parliament.

Sir Philip cites the 1975 referendum on the Common Market, and those held in Scotland and Wales on devolution, as good precedents, and adds that "historians of the future will surely be amazed if we do not use this ultimate constitutional safeguard for settling our place in the new Europe".

The Maastricht Referendum Campaign, which is behind the pamphlet and whose patrons include Baroness Thatcher, is now gathering signatures for its petition at the rate of 30,000 a day. The campaigners had hoped to publish their petition before MPs debate the issue, probably next week. But now they appear to be resigned to losing the vote in the Commons, where both main parties are against holding a referendum, and are pinning their hopes on the House of Lords.

To add to the government's problems, Michael Morris, the deputy Speaker, last night told the government that it could face a vote of no confidence if it ignores the wishes of the House on the social chapter. Mr Morris has ruled out a vote on a Labour amendment which seeks to end the British opt-out, but he has agreed that MPs can vote on another Opposition new clause.

This says that the government must make time for a separate vote on the social chapter after the bill has been passed by Parliament. Labour MPs are to meet Mr Morris later today before the debate on the bill resumes, to press him to change his mind on denying them a vote on their opt-out amendment.

Roadshow spreads charter gospel

BY MICHAEL DYNES, WHITEHALL CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN'S "sniff and snarl" tradition of public service will come under assault from the introduction of citizen's charter roadshows this summer in an attempt to give the government's lacklustre charter initiative much-needed mass appeal.

The promotional strategy, which will attempt to spread the gospel of public service reform from the corridors of Whitehall to the grassroots, will be launched in the West Midlands and the North of England, beginning with Birmingham in June.

The roadshows will target consumers and providers of public services in an effort to inform people of their rights under the charter initiative, while at the same time encouraging public sector professionals to show greater enthusiasm for the scheme.

Despite the launch of some 30 charters embracing everything from rail services to hospital waiting lists, most people either know little or are sceptical about the scheme.

After recent meetings between ministers and officials, including British Rail, the health service and the gas, water and electricity utilities, William Waldegrave, the public service minister, has decided to focus attention on improving public service complaints procedures in an effort to galvanise popular support. He has recruited John Nicholson, a leading behavioural psychologist, to help to put an end to the bureaucratic remoteness and aloofness which has characterised public service in Britain.

Dr Nicholson, who founded his multi-million-pound customer care business in 1982, and whose clients have included Jaguar, Mercedes, Texaco and the Royal Mail, believes that it is the class system which is to blame for much of Britain's notoriously bad service, which has encouraged the British to confuse service with servility. Dr Nicholson's technique is to analyse clients from the customer's point of view. After spending one night in the Princess Grace hospital in London with an imaginary heart attack, for example, he drew up a list of 50 improvements, including not waking up patients at 6am to raising the temperature of the X-ray waiting room.

Government departments "have traditionally been organised for their own administrative convenience and have paid little attention to the needs of their customers", Dr Nicholson said.

Dr Nicholson plans to use the knowledge and skills he acquired during the 1980s helping large business organisations to become more effective to enable public servants to be more responsive to the needs of consumers during the 1990s. "The objective is to help civil servants deliver services civilly," he said.

He criticised the government for failing to bring sufficient private sector expertise into the citizen's charter scheme. Whitehall has long been more concerned with policy formulation than dealing with people, Dr Nicholson said.

"Now officials are being asked to cope with face-to-face issues and many are finding it difficult." A recent confession by one senior civil servant who said that he had "always considered management a second-rate subject for second-rate people," showed that there was still a long way to go.



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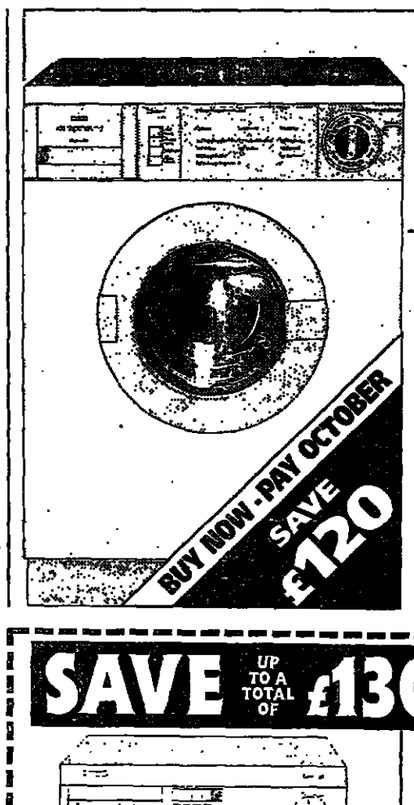
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Yeltsin lays down strict terms for resigning

FROM ANNE MCELVOY IN MOSCOW

PRESIDENT Yeltsin said yesterday that he was prepared to step down if voters in next week's referendum registered a no-confidence vote in him — but only if they simultaneously came out against early elections to parliament.

Addressing a news conference in the Kremlin, Mr Yeltsin said that he would proclaim victory if he secures the votes of more than 50 per cent of the turnout on April 25 and not, as parliament has demanded, 50 per cent of the entire electorate. He said that he favoured elections in the autumn to break the deadlock between the executive and the legislature.

In cheerful mood after an encouraging day's campaigning on Tuesday in the Kuzbass mining region of Siberia, Mr Yeltsin told voters to look carefully at the "tricky" referendum formula drawn up by the conservative legislature and drove home his new catch-phrase "four times yes".

Mr Yeltsin also expressed his dissatisfaction with Aleksandr Rutskoi, his conservative vice-president. "Rutskoi is categorically not in agreement with reform. How can a vice-president work if he is not in agreement with the president? It is time that he defined his position." Mr Rutskoi has become one of the government's harshest critics. He refused to back the declaration of emergency rule last month and said Russia "survived only on humanitarian aid".

The Yeltsin camp has taken on board the fact that voters, particularly in outlying rural areas, are confused about the referendum questions and is applying direct techniques to woo the "right" result. These are at times eerily reminiscent of the Marxist propaganda practised in the provinces after the October Revolution.

"With the answer 'yes' throughout we will continue with economic reforms, learn something from our mistakes and stop them happening again," Mr Yeltsin said, adding that the alternative to his rule was to leave power in the hands of Congress, which he described as "a bastion of former communist reaction".

The four questions posed on the ballot paper are: Do you have confidence in the president? Do you approve of the government's social and economic policy since 1992? Do you favour early elections to the presidency? Do you favour early elections to Congress?

The formula was imposed by Congress to place the burden of strain on Mr Yeltsin and his government, making them defend their record after a difficult winter. It turned down the president's demand to have a direct vote of confidence in the legislature included and omitted to mention in the second question that it had itself, however grudgingly, approved the government's policies at its sessions.

The Russian leader's statement — "let's say the people vote 'no' to the first question and 'no' to the fourth question, then the president will resign" — portrays him as willing to accept the people's verdict. But its subtle implication is that he will resign *only* in the unlikely case that the vote goes simultaneously against him and early elections to parliament.

Ruslan Khasbulatov, the parliamentarty Speaker, last night responded by declaring that Mr Yeltsin was transforming his government into a "dictatorial regime".

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Memory lane: a Russian woman carrying a goat past an old Communist party poster on Lenin street in Belgorod. Photograph: CHRIS HARRIS

Town of hope casts off past inhibitions

Michael Binyon, continuing his train ride in Russia, discovers that reform can mean sex shops and striptease. Second stop: BELGOROD

REFERENDUM RUSSIA

MORE than a thousand roubles lay on the floor, tossed in the air as the striptease began. A few years ago they would have bought a banquet for all the *nouveaux riches* in the restaurant; now they lay like confetti, worth a few pence, and giving a post-communist sense of abandon to the Good Friday club, Belgorod's newest and smartest nightspot.

Lyubov Rudneva, determined to have fun as she danced, knew the value of the cash underfoot and of the thriving private restaurant: her bank lent money — at interest rates of up to 160 per cent — to finance the club opening last month. "The owner must be a billionaire by now," she confided as the rock music blared out.

A vivacious and shrewd woman in her forties, she is a key figure in this quiet southern Russian town's attempt to shake off the old Communist hierarchy and translate privatisation into local prosperity. Her bank — the State Savings Bank — has moved into spacious purpose-built headquarters, complete with American computers, a conference centre for businessmen, checking counters, consultation rooms and the most up-to-date dealing indexes for foreign currency transactions.

All depends now on politics. Unless President Yeltsin wins a decisive mandate on April 25, the programme of stuttering privatisation may peter out, overwhelmed by inflation and new state controls.

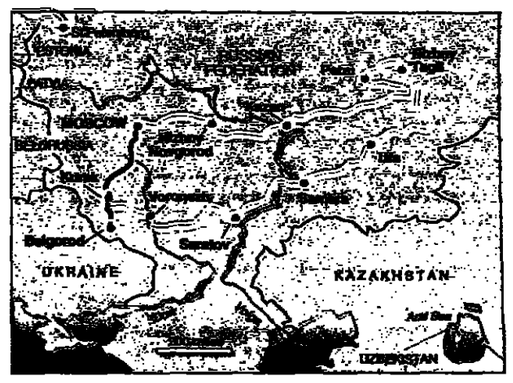
Aleksandr Sladkov, head of Ovinex, a local construction firm, is, like Belgorod, poised to take off. A former lecturer in building materials, he has perfected something which even the ancient Israelites could not achieve — a brick made entirely of sand. "Just think of the export potential or the licensing income in Kuwait and Saudi Arabia. No pollution, no mess, all you need is electricity." Already the bricks, whose construction is a patented secret, are being sent all over Russia: after taking part in a trade fair in Wakefield, Belgorod's twin town, Mr Sladkov is hoping for a joint venture in Britain.

He also has plans for a new trading centre for the thousands of small consumer items lacking in provincial Russia, competing with the kiosks and the stalls of the local markets. What he lacks is cash — and so has opened Belgorod's first sex shop, a profitable phenomenon unimaginable under the puritanical glare of communism. "Here are some souvenirs," he said, offering huge black phallic candles. "I get them from a dealer in Moscow. They sell like hot cakes."

His cash problems are nothing compared with those of Yuri Seliverstov, the 36-year-old mayor. "We have only one-twelfth of last year's budget. I have no fixed civic budget any more. We live from month to month. I cannot afford improvements or to pay salaries."

Belgorod, a town of 300,000, is still reasonably well off, thanks to the rich farming around. But signs of wear and tear are everywhere. The conservative regional administration is a frustrating brake on the young mayor, blocking his money, his reforms, and land privatisation.

As in the provinces of Dostoyevsky's day, the leaders and thinkers, politicians and businessmen of the town know each other well. The mayor, the banker and the pet-shop owner regularly meet and eat together at the Good Friday. Unlike the Communist mafia of the past, they are afraid neither of enterprise nor of speaking out. What they fear is that this could so easily and quickly be snuffed out. Then the clothes would be back on the restaurant's dancers, the lid on provincial society.





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Legal wrangling hampers start of high treason case against alleged anti-Gorbachev plotters

Moscow coup trial defendants refuse to recognise court

FROM ANNE MCELVOY IN MOSCOW

THE trial of 12 leading Soviet Communists accused of plotting the coup against Mikhail Gorbachev got off to a ragged start yesterday, with defence lawyers objecting to the judges and claiming that Russia's supreme court is not entitled to hear the case. Four of the key defendants also claimed that they would refuse to co-operate with the court unless the state prosecutors are changed.

Abdul Khamzayev, defending Gennadi Yanayev, the former Soviet vice-president and figurehead of the failed coup, claimed that the court was not entitled to try the case because Russia was not formally the Soviet Union's successor state. The 12 men are being tried under Article 64 of the constitution for "high treason against the motherland", still defined as the Soviet Union despite its official demise 16 months ago.

The objection was overruled by Major General Anatoli Ukolov, the presiding judge, who said that all crimes committed on Russian territory could be considered by a Russian court. Mr Yanayev and Anatoli Lukyanov, the former Soviet parliamentary chairman, then announced that they and two other accused would boycott the proceedings unless the nine prosecutors, whom they accused of bias, were changed.

Valentin Pavlov, the Soviet Union's former prime minister, and Vladimir Kryuchkov, its KGB chief, are also among the main defendants charged with high treason, a crime carrying the death sentence or 15 years in prison. The case is being tried by a military court — a presiding judge and two "people's assessors", all army men — because of the presence in the dock of two former high military officers, Dmitri Yazov, who was defence minister, and Valentin Varennikov, commander of ground forces.

The first day of the hearing ended abruptly when one of the defendants staggered from the court, apparently ill. Aleksandr Tizyakov, who was head of the state industrialists' association at the time of the coup, left the room bent double and coughing. Mr Yanayev, referring to the amount of time the defendants had already spent in prison, appealed for an easier schedule to spare their health.

The men accused of holding their country to ransom, bringing tanks to the streets of the capital and ordering the house arrest of President Gorbachev in August 1991 had been led into the tiny courtroom under tight security. They sat only a few yards away from the families of the three young men killed when tanks tried to crash through a barricade of buses erected by pro-Yeltsin crowds in Moscow in the aftermath of the coup.

The alleged plotters appear confident of acquittal and are using the trial as a rallying point for Communist sympathisers. Before going to court, they gathered supporters around them on a busy shopping street and held a demonstration in favour of the restoration of the Soviet Union and the prosecution of President Yeltsin for "selling out the motherland to foreigners".

The trial is being held in the building which once housed the Soviet supreme court. The accused claim they acted constitutionally in taking "emergency steps" to prevent the signing of Mr Gorbachev's Union Treaty, which was to turn the Soviet Union into a loose federation. Some of the defendants also accuse Mr Gorbachev of being party to the declaration of a state of emergency.

Mr Kryuchov, said to have masterminded the coup, said outside the court that he did not respect the judges' right to try him or his co-defendants. "The organs of justice would be better occupied pursuing the people who destroyed the motherland and all that she stood for," he said.

Oleg Sheinin, a senior party official and now head of the revived Communist party, added: "I don't care how this trial ends ... the important thing is that the accused should finally have the chance to reveal what really happened in August 1991."

The timing of the trial, 11 days before the referendum on power which will help decide Mr Yeltsin's fate, intensifies the mood of uncertainty in Moscow. The Russian leader said yesterday that the decision to open the case now was "unfortunate", but added: "They will be busy arguing about protocol for the next two weeks anyway."



The way they were: five of the 12 alleged plotters of the Soviet coup against President Gorbachev, Aleksandr Tizjakov, Vasili Starodubtsev, Boris Pugo, Gennadi Yanayev and Oleg Baklanov, at a Moscow press conference on August 14, 1991. Pugo committed suicide soon after



In the dock: eight of the former Soviet leaders arriving for the start of their trial yesterday. Top row, Vladimir Kryuchkov, left, KGB chief; Dmitri Yazov, defence minister; Yanayev, vice-president; and Anatoli Lukyanov, parliamentary chairman. Bottom row, left, Valentin Pavlov, prime minister; Baklanov, deputy state defence council chief; Starodubtsev, collective farm chief; and Vyacheslav Generalov, deputy head of KGB presidential security

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Turkish president warns Armenia

FROM ANATOL LIEVEN IN BAKU

PRESIDENT Ozal of Turkey, in Azerbaijan on the last stage of a tour of Turkic-speaking countries of the former Soviet Union, has emphasised Turkish support for Azerbaijan and given a warning that toleration of Armenian conquests is coming to an end.

Mr Ozal told his Azerbaijani hosts that "this is no longer a question of Karabakh alone; it must be viewed as part of an attempt to create a Greater Armenia". For Turks, this conjures up the spectre of historic Armenian claims to much of eastern Turkey, which helped to provoke the Turkish massacres of Armenians in 1915 and remains a bitter source of contention between the Turks and Armenians.

Mr Ozal told an official dinner in Baku: "In Armenia, some circles wish to test the patience of the Turkic peoples. They are making a terrible mistake."

However, Mr Ozal made no promise of military support or weapons supplies to Azerbaijan. An Azerbaijani deputy remarked after his speech to the Azerbaijan parliament yesterday that "we are grateful for Turkish solidarity, but we had hoped for more concrete results. Turkey ought to be able to make decisions on its own and not be so dependent on the opinion of the West".

Azerbaijani officials have also expressed disappointment with the results of their own president's visit last week to Iran. Iranian expressions of support for Armenia have caused concern in Turkey, which regards Iran as a rival in the region. Azerbaijani officials privately criticise Iran for covertly supporting Armenia.

In his speech to the Azerbaijan parliament, President Ozal reflected Turkish disappointment with the development of economic links with Azerbaijan. He implicitly criticised the Azerbaijan government for not doing more to help itself and for not carrying out faster economic reforms.

Another factor inhibiting Turkey from intervening militarily on the Azerbaijan side is the possibility of conflict with Russia. Moscow has important military bases in the region and regards Armenia as an ally.

☐ **British aid:** The British government yesterday announced that it was giving £100,000 to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees for humanitarian relief in Azerbaijan.

G7 gives Russia billions in aid tied to reforms

FROM JOANNA PITMAN IN TOKYO

FOREIGN and finance ministers from G7 nations gathered here yesterday with Andrei Kozyrev, Russia's foreign minister and deputy prime minister, for two days of discussions on aid to Russia. They agreed that the success of Russia's reforms depended urgently on support by G7 and the international community, and that swift and tangible aid to Russia would be "an investment in the future".

They emphasised, however, that the honouring of aid pledges would be dependent on a continuation of reform efforts in three areas — political reform towards democracy, economic reform towards a market economy, and foreign policy reform towards becoming a constructive member of the international community.

In spite of the consistent rhetoric of urgency and the sense of rivalry that appears to underscore some countries' announcements of new aid packages, G7 ministers are expected to wrap up the meeting today with a number of new frameworks for aid in which priorities and components have been mapped out but for which funding sources have not been decided.

Japan, alone of the G7 nations, with its growing economy, a current account surplus of $118 billion (£76 billion) and a trade surplus heading for $160 billion this year, has the kind of room to manoeuvre in providing tangible assistance to Russia which other leaders can only dream of. Yet the bulk of Japan's pledges are still restrictively tied to Japanese private sector investment, which is not forthcoming. They are not likely to become any more tangible until Russia makes significant progress in the territorial dispute over the Kurile islands. Mr Kozyrev reported to his Japanese counterpart, Kabun Muto, that President Yeltsin may visit Japan officially next month. Mr Muto said his government would welcome the visit.

Specific new plans and commitments were announced yesterday by the United States, Japan and Britain and there was the promise of a new aid plan to be revealed today by Italy. America unveiled a plan to create a $4 billion fund aimed at privatising and reviving Russia's main state industries.

Britain announced an extra $600 million package of support for economic reforms in the form of new export credits worth $500 million, an increase in technical assistance from £60 million to £1[illegible] million and a contribution to a fund for small businesses.

Norman Lamont, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, told reporters of Britain's belief in "the need to support the practical business of reforming the Russian economy through privatisation, the growth of small businesses and the development of the financial sector".

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Beverly Hills rich await King verdict with dread

■ Police cars are highly visible in white Los Angeles. As the jury deliberates, rumours abound of black gangs planning mass assaults

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN LOS ANGELES

A SENSE of impending doom gripped many of the wealthier residents in the fastnesses of Beverly Hills last night as they awaited the verdict in the Rodney King case.

Yesterday, as the jury in the federal trial of the four officers accused of violating Mr King's civil rights began its fifth day of deliberations, the city continued to prepare for potential rioting while officials repeated calls for calm.

Geographically, the fear of rioting appears to be most acute in those areas where renewed violence is least likely — the white, protected enclaves in Hollywood, Bel Air and Beverly Hills.

The tension which local television stations insist is sweeping the city is hardly noticeable on the streets of South-Central Los Angeles, the area which saw some of the worst of last April's riots and where gang violence is endemic.

Since the jury started deliberations, the Los Angeles police department has sent in a handful of extra squad cars to patrol the area, but is maintaining a low profile.

On Tuesday, the pot-holed streets of South-Central were largely deserted save for a handful of teenagers hanging around placidly on a street corner. One of these, identifiable as a member of the Crips gang by the tear drop tattooed below his left eye, a mark of respect to a dead comrade, said he would shoot a cop if the four officers "walked", but then changed his mind and, grinning, said there would be no riot. He appeared to be about 12 years old.

Driving down the wide, well-lit streets of Beverly Hills, the number of police cars posted at crossroads increases dramatically. Here rumours, with a thick overlay of racial prejudice, have been circulating during the five days of deliberations: the gangs, it was said, planned to drive in convoys up to the rich areas and mount an assault on the whites, while others claimed would-be rioters were stealing the licence plates from police cars to slip into the white neighbourhoods to carry out untold crimes.

Some white residents have left the city, others have stockpiled provisions, and a handful have bought guns. To judge from the callers to a local radio talk show on Tuesday night, it is the white inhabitants on the outskirts of the city who are most fearful of renewed violence, despite having least to fear.

"There's going to be an explosion, I know it," wailed one housewife from Glen Ridge, the whitest of white suburbs.

Benjamin Chavis, the new head of the National Association for the Advancement for Coloured People, America's largest and oldest civil rights group, visited one of the city's housing projects on Tuesday and pointed out the discrepancy. "There is calmness in the 'hood," he said. "But that is mismatched with the overall unreasonableness around the periphery of the city."

While urging calm and criticising the media for fomenting panic, the city authorities have also contributed to the atmosphere of tension: concrete barriers have been set up around the federal courthouse and other government buildings, while Representative Maxine Waters distributed 350,000 leaflets warning apocalyptically: "If you take to the streets ... you give the police the legal right to kill you." Amid the wishful thinking and the fear, the varied predictions of complete peace and all-out anarchy, it has become impossible to tell how the city may react to the verdicts when these finally emerge. But one fact seems clear: many of those in the greatest states of alarm face more danger from what might be termed "pre-traumatic stress disorder" than any more tangible threat.



Eye contact: a lawyer for one of the Los Angeles accused being confronted by a man outside the court yesterday

☐ **Lucasville, Ohio:** Inmates, on the fourth day of an uprising at a maximum security prison, unfurled a bedsheet banner threatening to kill one of their eight hostages.

Seven prisoners have died since the insurrection began last Sunday. Inmates are holding eight guards hostage. The authorities said that negotiations were continuing sporadically with leaders of up to 500 inmates who are sealed off in a block at the Ohio Correctional Facility.

The prison houses 1,819 inmates, described as the most dangerous in the state, under crowded conditions. A state police helicopter crash-landed near the prison during the night during a routine surveillance flight, injuring two people on board. The crash was blamed on mechanical failure. *(Reuter)*

Mitterrand and Pasqua clash on police killings

FROM NELSON GRAVES IN PARIS

PRESIDENT Mitterrand and France's centre-right government fell out for the first time yesterday over law and order after a series of police killings of petty criminals.

M Mitterrand was quoted as saying he had "some reservations" about a report by Charles Pasqua, the interior minister, which made no direct mention of the killings but emphasised record crime figures and the difficult conditions faced by police.

Officials at the Elysée palace gave no details of the objections, which signalled the first tensions between the Socialist president and the conservative government elected last month.

Three suspected petty criminals, two of them of African origin, were killed last week in a spate of police blunders that led to riots in Paris and the north, outraged civil rights groups, and prompted M Pasqua to warn the police not to overstep the boundaries of the law. Yesterday a boy of 15 was shot and badly wounded by police in a car chase near the port of Cherbourg.

Nicolas Sarkozy, the government spokesman, told reporters that M Pasqua made only an indirect allusion to the killings at the cabinet meeting, saying that citizens' rights must be carefully respected. He quoted the minister as saying that crime was at record levels and that police faced a welter of procedural and legal difficulties. "We must give them the means to work," M Pasqua said.

The interior minister blamed drugs and illegal immigration for the rise in crime. He also complained about limits on the right of the police to check identities, the "virtual impunity" of minors who are repeated offenders, and procedures hindering the expulsion of illegal immigrants. M Sarkozy said M Mitterrand reacted very briefly to M Pasqua's report, but would not specify how.

M Pasqua promised anti-crime measures next month. "Citizens' expectations with respect to law and order are extremely high," he said. "These expectations must not be let down."

On Sunday, Pascal Clément, the minister for parliamentary relations, supported a proposal to withdraw child benefits from parents of juvenile delinquents. But Simone Veil, the social affairs minister, said there was no question of adopting such an "arbitrary" proposal.

An opinion poll in the weekly *Globe* magazine showed that 20 per cent of French people are afraid of the police. *(Reuter)*



Pasqua: expressed his support for police

Andreotti awaits Senate's verdict

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

A COMMITTEE of senators yesterday began deliberating whether to strip Giulio Andreotti of his parliamentary immunity to face charges of protecting the Mafia and allegations that he attended Cosa Nostra "summits" in Sicily.

Signor Andreotti, 74, spent yesterday morning planning his defence against the allegations that he ordered the murder of Aldo Moro, the Christian Democrat leader, General Carlo Alberto Dalla Chiesa, the anti-Mafia fighter, and Mimo Pecorelli, an investigative journalist.

The life senator conferred with his lawyer, Odoardo Ascari, and his close aide, Claudio Vitalone, the foreign trade minister, as well as other Christian Democrat senators. He was then to address the committee of 23 senators to outline what he sees as the weaknesses in the request by Giancarlo Caselli, the Palermo magistrate, that his immunity be lifted.

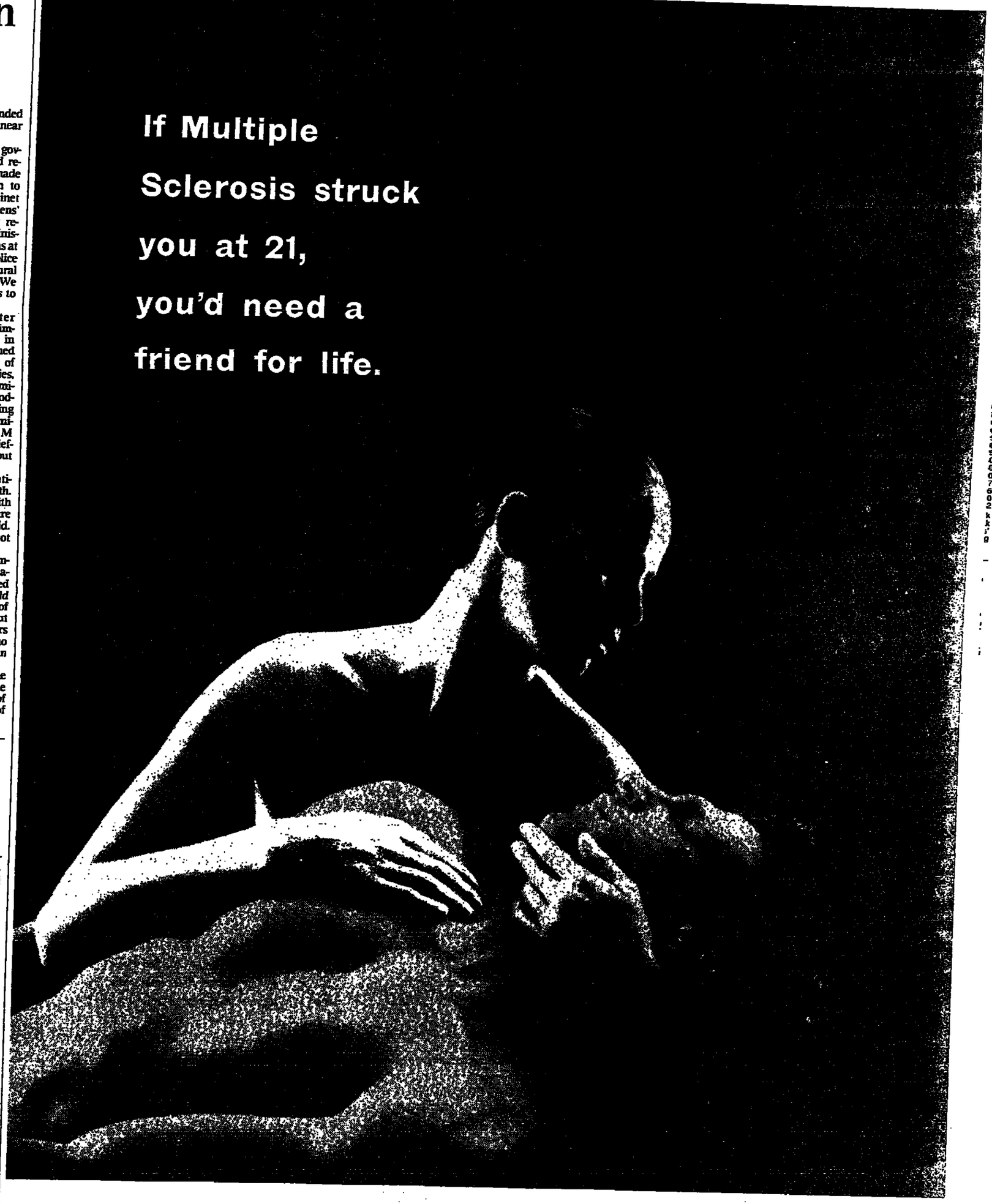
"Andreotti will submit to the decisions of the immunity committee," said Gabriele De Rosa, chairman of the Christian Democrat group in the Senate. He said the party had not put pressure on its members on the committee to save Signor Andreotti. Some senators on the committee declared in advance of the hearing their opinion about new accusations against Signor Andreotti made by two Mafia supergrasses, Tommaso Buscetta and Francesco Mannoia.

"In my opinion they are not believable," said Luigi Compagna, a Liberal member of the committee. "They present contradictions in the descriptions of the leaders of Cosa Nostra."

Judge Caselli yesterday ordered the testimony he gathered from Buscetta and Mannoia in the United States be made public. The two informers accused Signor Andreotti of meeting top Mafia bosses three times.

On two of these occasions, they allege, the Mafia kingpin Tano Badalamenti visited Signor Andreotti at the beginning of the 1970s to ask him to arrange the rigging of a trial of a Mafia member. The second alleged meeting was in Palermo at the end of the 1970s when Mafia boss Stefano Bontade asked Signor Andreotti to curb Piersanti Mattarella, chairman of the Christian Democrat party in Sicily, who was leading an anti-crime crusade.

They say that Signor Andreotti played for time but the Mafia grew impatient and Mattarella was assassinated.



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THE MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SOCIETY — A hope in hell

Mandela is booed as blacks seek to avenge Hani death

■ Young ANC radicals are defying leadership appeals for restraint, with some calling for the assassination of President de Klerk

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN SOWETO

IT WAS a day when Nelson Mandela had to struggle to contain the anger of young blacks, and was booed for his trouble. "I understand your anger," he told the 30,000-strong crowd at the Chris Hani memorial rally in the dangerously overcrowded Jabulani stadium in Soweto. "We have to work with people we don't like to build a new South Africa. There must be no further loss of life at this tragic time". The crowd listened in sullen silence, and some jeered him.

Mr Mandela chided Andrew Dipela, a member of the executive of the African National Congress Youth League, who had demanded action to take revenge for the killing.

The ANC president said that the tragedy of Mr Hani's death had opened a golden opportunity to move to a speedy conclusion of the deadlock in constitutional talks with the government. "The resolution of our problem is going to be faster." Mr Mandela also said that the assassination had brought together different and often quarrelling parts of the South African liberation movement. On the platform with Mr Mandela were Clarence Makwetu, the president of the Pan Africanist Congress, and Ithumeleng Mosala, the president of the Azanian People's Organisation.

Though Mr Mandela was listened to politely enough, the crowd's most enthusiastic cheers were reserved for his more fiery colleagues, including Nusiviwo Mapisa, the national organiser of the ANC Women's League, who said that she had heard his call for discipline, and demanded: "But for how long? How long should we wait? How long?"

She told her leaders: "The women of this country cannot wait any longer. Our deepest anger cannot be stopped by our president. We can't wait for them to assassinate you. We don't want you to lead us from a box. We want you to lead us now."

Similar cheers greeted Mr Dipela's call for the youth of the country to seize the centres of the cities, and to start tomorrow by blockading Johannesburg. He declared: "Comrade president, we are going to remain ungovernable in such a way that they are going to regret the killing of comrade Chris Hani."

The 30,000 crammed into a stadium built for 12,000 cheered, sang, fired off revolvers and waved placards which called for the assassination of President de Klerk, or for all Poles to be sent back to Poland "or else", a reference to the Polish nationality of Janusz Walus, the alleged killer.

After the meeting, the crowds began to threaten police stations in the township. I saw one police car surrounded by a mob which started throwing rocks at it. The police immediately started brandishing automatic pistols and shotguns and the protesters melted away. The police car backed away at high speed.

At the memorial service for Mr Hani, held at the Central Methodist Church in Johannesburg, Toyko Sexwale, the chairman of the African National Congress in the region, said: "We exploited him while he was alive. Let's exploit his death. Rolling mass action must not stop."

In Cape Town, mobs of protesters arrived at the city station and immediately spilled into the main streets, breaking windows and stealing goods. Two motorcycles were set on fire, and one young man was wounded when police opened fire. A black police sergeant who was shot in the head and severely wounded was taken to hospital. The demonstrators managed to derail a train by stamp-dancing vigorously and rocking it from side to side.

The law and order situation in Port Elizabeth was described as chaotic. In Pietermaritzburg, Natal, one of the biggest crowds in living memory gathered to hear Winnie Mandela, the estranged wife of the ANC president, and Harry Gwala, the militant leader of the ANC in the Natal Midlands.

According to employers' organisations, the work boycott was the most rigorous ever experienced in South Africa. The Chamber of Business estimated that 80 per cent of the work force stayed away yesterday. Only in the mines were the figures lower.

Day of violence, page 1



Flames of revolution: black power salutes at a blazing barricade in Alexandra township, Johannesburg, yesterday

NEWS IN BRIEF

Haiti given way out of stalemate

Miami: Dante Caputo, a United Nations special envoy bringing a new plan to restore democracy in Haiti, resumed talks yesterday in Port-au-Prince in a mood of optimism (writes David Adams).

The plan presented to General Raoul Cedras would mean a guaranteed amnesty for all officers involved in the September 1991 coup which ousted President Aristide; appointment of an interim prime minister; the return of the president; and lifting of a regional economic embargo.

Victory parade

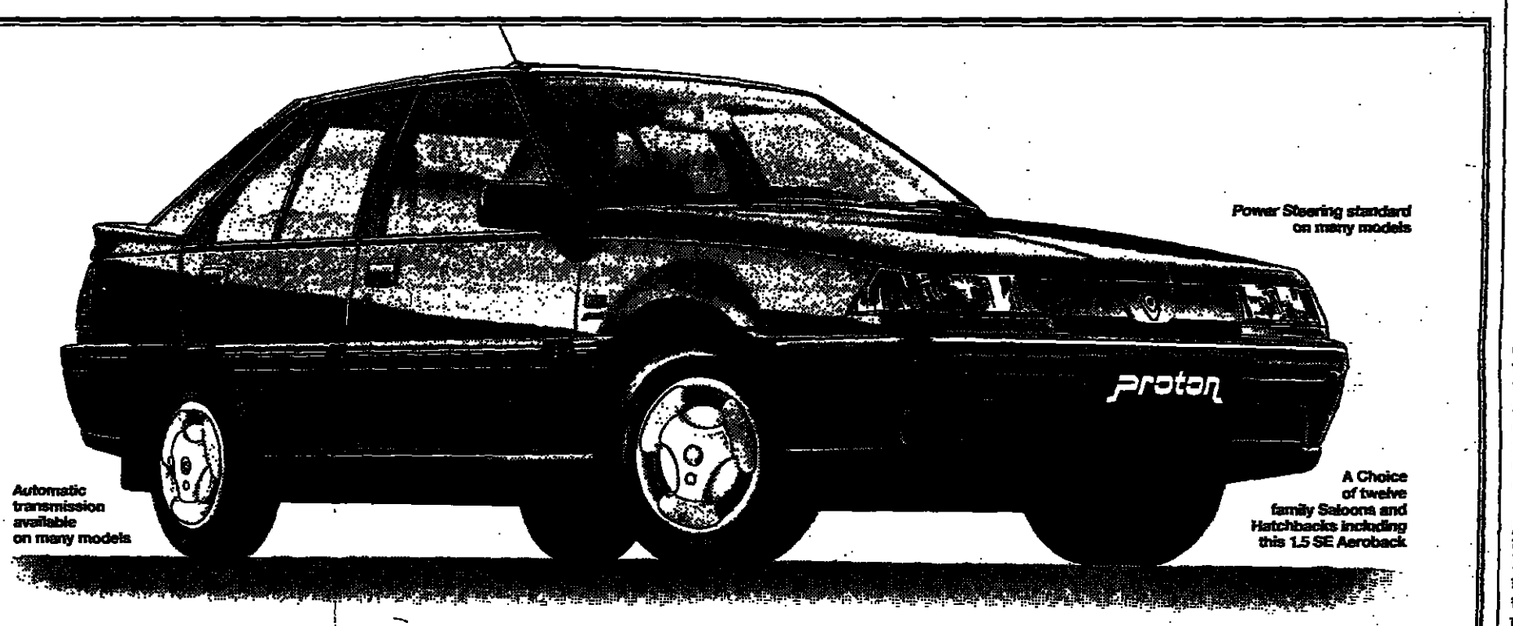
Kuwait: Thousands of Kuwaitis greeted George Bush, the former US president, as he arrived for a visit, in tribute to his Gulf war leadership. Camels are to be slain in his honour. *(Reuter)*

Police killed

Algiers: Unidentified men killed three gendarmes and wounded another in western Algeria. Three civilians died in separate attacks in Bougara, 15 miles southeast of the capital. *(Reuter)*

Skiers triumph

San Francisco: Mark Wellman, 32, and Jeff Pagels, 44, both paralysed from the waist down, completed a 50-mile crossing of the Sierra Nevada on skis, the first without able-bodied assistance. *(Reuter)*



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Summit in Egypt raises peace hope

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN ISMAILIA

THE search for Middle East peace received a much needed boost yesterday during an amicable summit between Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli prime minister, and President Mubarak of Egypt.

The summit, in a villa overlooking the Suez Canal where the peace process was first nurtured in 1977, was the second in nine months but only the third in six years: a reminder of the thaw in the cold peace since Mr Rabin's election victory last summer.

The Egyptian leader, whose peace efforts have increased the threats against him by Islamic militants, said he was now hopeful that the peace talks would resume on schedule in Washington on April 20. A final positive answer is expected from a meeting of Arab foreign ministers in Damascus tomorrow to be attended by the Palestine Liberation Organisation.

"All our efforts are focused on starting the negotiations on schedule," added Mr Mubarak, who 24 hours earlier had met Yassir Arafat, the PLO chairman, in Cairo.

Senior sources said Cairo's role had been to persuade the PLO that the chance of solving the Palestinian question was more important than the 396 Palestinian deportees in southern Lebanon.

Palestinians have boycotted peace talks since Israel expelled 415 Palestinian radicals last December. The sources said the PLO was expected to come under "irresistible pressure" to return to the negotiating table.

As a sweetener to the PLO, which is under strong pressure from Hamas and other radical Palestinian groups to maintain the boycott, Mr Rabin announced for the first time that Israel would allow an east Jerusalem Arab to join the negotiations. Palestinians of east Jerusalem origin have been barred because Israel felt that talks with them might raise doubts over its claim to permanent control of the city.

Ending the ban, Mr Rabin said that Faisal al-Husseini, a member of a prominent Jerusalem family, could lead the Palestinian delegation.

Barbara Amiel, page 20



Mubarak: adding to pressure on PLO

Israeli roads reap a grim harvest

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

WHEN Israeli motorists headed for coastal resorts during Passover, the authorities were helpless to prevent the country's biggest killer striking again.

Three Israelis died and 22 were injured on the country's lethal highways in a series of gruesome accidents no different from those that mar every weekend. The carnage was the latest example of a disturbing trend in which poor and aggressive driving claims the lives of far more Israelis than attacks by all the country's Arab enemies.

Last year, for example, 502 people were killed in road accidents, an increase of more than 11 per cent on 1991. Susan Haitis Rolef, a left-wing columnist, pointed out that 168 Israelis were killed by Arabs "with a cause" during the past five years of the intifada, while 2,500 Israelis were killed by "Jews in a hurry".

"If any enemy killed ten Israelis every week, the nation would go into paroxysms of fury and demand action. That cars kill at least as many is hardly noticed by anyone," said the *Jerusalem Post* in an editorial condemning the lack of public action. "Driving etiquette is almost unknown here; drivers' skills are low-level; speeding, tailgating and insane risk-taking are a national sport.

"Campaigns for road safety have been sponsored by the president. The transportation ministry has spent small fortunes on gimmicky advertisements and elaborate safe-promotion schemes. But little has been achieved."

In their defence, Israeli drivers have come up with an array of excuses. For instance, there are far more cars on the roads today than a decade ago, and road infrastructure has failed to keep up, making traffic more congested and more accident-prone. The army is also blamed for teaching youngsters bad habits, and new immigrants are accused of not adjusting to Israeli road conditions.

None of which adequately explains, however, why Israel is one of the most accident-prone countries in the Western world.

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Panic spreads as Khmer Rouge cuts off key town

■ The capture of the celebrated 12th-century temples at Angkor would provide the communist faction with a psychological victory

BY JAMES PRINGLE IN SIEM REAP AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

UNITED Nations peacekeepers were last night preparing for a possible attempt by the Khmer Rouge to capture the Angkor temples at Siem Reap, and the UN-sponsored Cambodian peace process was near collapse as the faction's leaders fled Phnom Penh, the capital.

Troops of the Vietnam-backed Phnom Penh regime threw a defensive security cordon round Siem Reap, which has a population of 60,000, as the Khmer Rouge cut the main highway from the town to the east and west. "The Khmer Rouge has enough forces in Siem Reap to hold it for at least a few hours," said Major Roustan Saliakov, a UN observer. "They have troops all the way round the city. Their plan might be to enter and blow up some buildings to demonstrate their power."

The capture of the 12th-century temples of Angkor, the most famous of which is Angkor Wat, would provide the Khmer Rouge with a psychological victory. There was a mood of near-panic in Siem Reap as reports came in of Khmer Rouge attacks elsewhere in the province.

The UN Transitional Authority in Cambodia (Untac) has revived its evacuation plans, and Bangladeshi and other UN troops who are protecting the province are digging bunkers and sandbagging their positions. Military sources say that some Bangladeshi soldiers have asked to be withdrawn after the death of one of their colleagues in a Khmer Rouge shelling attack last month.

Major Dewan Tarek of the Bangladesh battalion said at Siem Reap: "The situation is very tense. People have lost their confidence."

Muhammad Hunyan, the senior United Nations electoral officer, helping to arrange the UN-supervised elections throughout Cambodia from May 23, said: "In this kind of situation there is no need of elections — democracy will not work in Cambodia any more." Frightened election workers from many countries have been moved into UN compounds in the town centre after the killing of a Japanese election worker last week.

Khieu Samphan, the nominal Khmer Rouge leader, left his compound next to the palace in Phnom Penh, taking all his followers with him. They were carrying as many documents as they could, dealing another serious blow to the peace process. In a letter to Prince Norodom Sihanouk, the head of state, Mr Samphan said he no longer felt safe in the capital.

UN officials, urging the Khmer Rouge to return, yesterday promised to provide its members with increased security. The Khmer Rouge is blamed for the death of five UN personnel in the past two weeks, including three Bulgarian soldiers who were murdered by their guests after inviting Khmer Rouge soldiers, whom they knew, to dinner in their compound, northwest of the capital.

Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN secretary-general, who was in Cambodia last week, believes that maintaining dialogue with the Khmer Rouge is the best policy in the circumstances, given the deteriorating relations with the followers of Pol Pot.

Untac says the election, in which the UN has invested more than $2 billion (£1.3 billion), will go ahead whatever happens. Ministers of the Group of Seven leading industrialised nations meeting in Tokyo supported this view.

But anarchy reigns in Siem Reap province, where four UN policemen were held up by bandits, and at Damdek, 20 miles east of Siem Reap, hundreds of villagers fled as Khmer Rouge shells landed within 100 yards of a UN compound housing three military observers. Elsewhere, mines were exploding and the Khmer Rouge was setting up roadblocks around the temples.



Mother's grief: the mother of Yoon Kum E, a murdered bar hostess, is comforted as she weeps after a Seoul court sentenced Kenneth Markle, a US army private in South Korea, to life imprisonment for her murder. Markle, from West Virginia, denied that he had killed his victim after hitting her on the head with a bottle, but the judges said forensic evidence proved his guilt. Yoon, who was sexually abused, bled to death in her room. Markle is the first US serviceman to receive such a sentence in South Korea. *(Reuter)*

PoW document raises obstacle to Hanoi accord

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

JUST as Washington was preparing to close one of the most painful chapters in American history by returning relations with Vietnam to normal, that process has been checked abruptly by a newly discovered document suggesting that Hanoi had failed to release more than 600 American prisoners after the war.

Congressmen, veterans' organisations and families of the 2,260 servicemen still unaccounted for have seized on the document to demand that President Clinton should resist business pressure to lift the 18-year-old trade embargo that has kept Vietnam one of the world's poorest nations.

Hanoi has condemned the document as a fake designed to prevent the two countries resolving their long-standing enmity. The administration has withheld judgment, but is sending General John Vessey, a special presidential emissary, to Hanoi next week to try to determine the document's authenticity and accuracy.

Discovered by a Harvard researcher in the old Soviet Communist Party's Moscow archives, the document appears explosive. It is purportedly a detailed secret report written in September 1972 by Tran Van Quang, who is described as deputy chief of staff of the North Vietnamese army. It asserts that North Vietnam was holding 1,205 Americans in 11 prison camps at a time when Hanoi publicly acknowledged only 368. In 1973, after signing the Paris peace accord, Hanoi released 591 Americans and insisted that Vietnam was holding no more.

The document divides the Americans by rank, place of capture and even the strength of their support for the war. The American government "does not know the exact number of prisoners of war and is able only to surmise about them on the basis of its losses. That is why ... we are keeping secret the numbers of PoWs," it says.

Zbigniew Brzezinski, a Soviet scholar and President Carter's national security adviser, said he had examined the document, believed it to be authentic and concluded that the Vietnamese had probably taken "hundreds of American officers out and shot them in cold blood".

NEWS IN BRIEF

Carmelite nuns told to leave Auschwitz

Rome: The Pope has told a group of Carmelite nuns at Auschwitz that it is time for them to leave their convent inside the former death camp, the Vatican said yesterday (John Phillips writes). The Roman Catholic leader sent a letter to the 14 nuns on Saturday in response to a request by them for his opinion before making any move, Joaquin Navarro Vals, the Vatican spokesman, said.

Vatican sources added that "the pontiff wrote to the nuns that the moment had now come for them to leave the convent as foreseen under the accords at Geneva in 1987 between Jews and Catholics. In the past the Vatican has said it intended to leave the dispute to the Polish bishops' conference to resolve.

The presence of the nuns at Auschwitz has been a source of conflict between Catholics and Jews for nine years.

Somali killed

Mogadishu: Australian soldiers shot dead a shopkeeper during a weapons sweep in the central Somali village of Berdaale, an American military spokesman said. The soldiers opened fire when the shopkeeper raised a weapon at them. *(Reuter)*

Poll verdict

Madrid: Forty per cent of Spaniards believe the ruling Socialists will win general elections on June 6, compared with 62 per cent a month ago, according to a poll published in *El Pais*. Only 8 per cent expected the Socialists to win an outright majority. *(Reuter)*

Porn sentence

Peking: A Chinese court sentenced to death a man charged with selling pornography, and gave another 12 years in jail for illegal publishing. The death sentence will be suspended for two years and commuted to a life term on good behaviour. *(Reuter)*

Story banned

Jacksonville, Florida: The fairy tale *Snow White* has been banned by schools from under-eights' classes for being too violent. Parents complained about the wicked stepmother eating a boar's lungs and liver thinking them to be Snow White's. *(AFP)*



Sir Robin: leader of the British team at talks

Quibbles by China mar Hong Kong joy

FROM JONATHAN BRAUDE IN HONG KONG

HONG Kong's relief over the announcement that Britain and China are to resume talks on its future democratic development was tempered slightly yesterday by a renewed Chinese attack. The local stock market, however, soared to record highs as investors took in the news that talks would restart next Thursday.

Zhang Zhunsheng, deputy director of the New China News Agency, Peking's de facto consulate in Hong Kong, accused Britain of "pulling little tricks", saying it had disclosed the line-up of its team at the talks although the two sides had agreed to name only the leaders.

In an interview with a local radio station, Mr Zhang said each side would have only one representative. Sir Robin McLaren, the British ambassador to Peking, and Jiang Enzhu, the Chinese deputy foreign minister. Everyone else would participate as experts and advisers, a formulation carefully avoided by Britain, which has insisted that the Hong Kong government officials will have the same status as their British counterparts.

Mr Zhang denies that China has made any concessions on the status of Hong Kong officials, although local commentators said that the defensiveness of Chinese spokesmen here suggested there had been a climbdown.

Although Mr Zhang said he hoped Britain would not put new obstacles in the way of talks, analysts said that the two sides' positions were not incompatible. They said all but the team leaders in both delegations could be seen as advisers and experts.

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Masako Owada was a 21st-century role model for Japanese women, until she opted for ancient obedience, **Joanna Pitman** reports

Why exchange a platform for a throne?





Then and now: Masako Owada, the career woman who negotiated international trade deals, has been turned into a submissive princess-to-be

Japanese womankind is confused. On the one hand young women are being bullied by their mothers and grandmothers to abandon selfish dreams of a career in order to spend their lives nannying husbands and children. On the other, they are haunted by their ebullient American sisters' calls for them to be modern and assertive, to tackle Japan's male-dominated elite head on and grab it all, to go for career, independence, a family and a live-in nanny.

Now one of their few career-woman role models, well on her way to having it all, has dumped it all for a life as the submissive little wife. On Monday, Masako Owada, the 29-year-old foreign ministry career diplomat headed for the history books as Japan's first female ambassador, became officially engaged to Crown Prince Naruhito, bidding farewell to her own modernity and psychologically wiping out a couple of decades of effort in the slow advancement of women towards the forefront of Japanese society.

The engagement ceremony was a festival of some of the imperial household's most arcane rituals, and offered stark testimony of Miss Owada's transformation from assertive career woman into a symbol of traditionally compliant Japanese womankind.

Trussed up in a heavily embroidered silk kimono, she hobbled towards her future, groomed and versed in 8th-century etiquette to match the ritual, and performed her rehearsed routine to perfection. She described a slow bow of 15 degrees lasting not more than four seconds but not less than three, eyes lowered as befits a court lady, and recited lines that have scarcely changed since first spoken by putative princesses at least as early as the 8th century.

It was difficult to reconcile this picture of absolute tradition with the sharp trade negotiator whose sallies at bilateral talks in Washington on the semiconductors sector of the "structural impediments initiative" are said to have kept her US counterparts on their toes.

> Pushing 30 and spending much of her life at her desk, it appeared she had married her career

As the eldest daughter of the head of the Japanese diplomatic service and the grand-daughter of two admirals, Miss Owada was brought up with an education that perfectly prepared her as one of Japan's highly valued (and still rare) "internationalists". She spent her childhood in Tokyo and Moscow and then attended high school in Boston, Massachusetts, while her father was a lecturer at Harvard University. She speaks fluent English and French and has few problems in Russian, German and Spanish.

She is a graduate in international relations of both Harvard and Oxford, and has taken an MA course at Tokyo University. While at Harvard she wrote a 99-page thesis entitled "External Adjustments to Import Price Shocks: Oil in Japanese Trade," which detailed how Japan survived the two oil shocks of the 1970s to become a major economic power with a huge trade surplus.

Back in Tokyo, pushing 30 and spending much of her life at her foreign ministry desk, it appeared that Miss Owada had married her career, especially after it emerged that in 1989 she had politely brushed off Crown Prince Naruhito's amorous overtures. But Japan's rapacious media sensed more and pursued her relentlessly, one particularly persistent photographer coming away with a bruised ego after an earbashing from the feisty Miss Owada.

In January Japan was delighted to learn that Miss Owada was to be their next empress. It appeared that last October she had accepted an invitation to go duck shooting in the imperial grounds, and the lovelorn prince had managed to sway the steely trade negotiator, perhaps wooing her with talk of his other abiding passion — 18th-century transport on the Thames, which had kept him busy during his own spell at Oxford from 1983 to 1985.

Miss Owada is now turning back the clock and entering the archaic world of the Japanese imperial family, a royal lineage the Japanese claim is the oldest in the world and dates back to the mythical sun goddess Amaterasu, who reigned so long ago that no one dares to presume to date her existence.

Today, the thick stone walls of the imperial palace, in the centre of Tokyo, still hide a world of arcane ritual and stiff protocol, dominated by the Imperial Household Agency, an august body of elderly aristocrats whose task it is to maintain the veil of mystique that still shrouds the imperial family.

Miss Owada has spent the last six weeks under intensive formal instruction from a selection of nonagenarian tutors who have drilled her in calligraphy, 31-syllable poetry, the imperial rice harvest rite and other court rituals.

Most important, however, is court etiquette. Miss Owada's cardinal rule now is never to walk in front of either the crown prince or the emperor and empress. She has also been studiously practising formal bowing techniques — 15 degrees to the public, 30 degrees to other royals and 45 degrees to the emperor and empress, with hands clasped in front or to the side as the occasion demands. There are strict dress codes too that dictate, among other details, smaller hats than the empress on all occasions, and kimono fabrics that will not detract from the empress's.

At her wedding on June 9, Miss Owada will be bound up in a 12-layered *junihitoe* silk kimono which, judging from a brief and uncomfortable personal experience, is both heavy — it weighs in at 15kg — and hot.

According to the traditional view, and the one which appears to be prevalent in the imperial household agency, Miss Owada's primary role will be to produce an heir. To assure the gods formally that she is suitable to the task, she will have to go through a ceremony on her wedding night at Ise Shrine, standing naked before the high priestess and her attendants who will purify her body with rice bran and check her fertility.

As her wedding day approaches and she is slowly but surely packed into the constraining box of imperial tradition, Miss Owada may wish she were safely back at her foreign ministry desk, totting up semiconductor trade statistics.

The story of my downfall

Ben Macintyre in Los Angeles on an oppressed new minority



As mad as hell: Michael Douglas lashes out as the American white male feels threatened

I have just acquired a new status in American society: I have become a member of an oppressed minority.

This development, which occurred without my realising it, was officially announced in a recent issue of *Newsweek*. White males such as myself, it stated, can now join the long list of sexual and ethnic subsets in America that feel they are getting a raw deal.

Hitherto victimhood was one of the few clubs in America closed to Anglo-Saxon men, but now we too can claim we are being unjustly treated by society. The Wasp has become an endangered species.

This transformation of the white male from top dog to underdog is reflected in *Falling Down*, the new Hollywood film starring Michael Douglas, which has already developed a cult following in America. Mr Douglas plays an ex-missile factory worker and Vietnam veteran called D-fens (his personalised car number plate) who gets stuck in a Los Angeles traffic jam and goes berserk.

D-fens, the archetypal square with a good line in moral outrage and a bad haircut, goes on the rampage against gang members, blacks, hispanics, his ex-wife, a skinhead neo-Nazi, the elderly, road construction workers and many more. Some he just berates; most he shoots. As the film approaches its bloody climax, D-fens asks plaintively: "I'm the bad guy?" At this point during the performance I attended, a number of men in the audience broke into appreciative applause.

The Michael Douglas character is intended as a symbol of the Wasp driven to insanity by the pressures of modern American life and mores: his wife doesn't want him, immigrant shopkeepers don't treat him with respect, pan-handlers hassle him and, in short, nobody likes him. By most standards, *Falling Down* is covertly racist and D-fens is a fairly run-of-the-mill maniac, but in the midst of America's current moral confusion he has struck a chord. He is, as *Newsweek* put it, "a cartoon vision of the beleaguered male in multicultural America".

The white American male is no longer the complacent figure he once was: oppressed by feminism, political correctness, rap music, inner-city poverty, violence, gay rights and uncertainty over what constitutes sexual harassment, he feels guilty, confused and paranoid. Why, he cries, is everybody getting at me? What do Thelma and Louise have against me? He has become, he feels, the scapegoat for all that is wrong with the country.

He has a point. Consider this description of her male colleagues by a 36-year-old woman business executive, which appeared recently in a Pittsburgh paper: "A bunch of shallow, bald, middle-aged men with character disorders. They don't have the emotional capacity that it takes to qualify as human beings. The one good thing about these white, male almost-extinct mammals is that they're growing old. We get to watch them die."

> White males feel guilty, confused and paranoid

No amount of "Iron John" therapy (a pop psychology programme which encourages oppressed males to run around in the woods grunting to rediscover their essential masculinity) is going to compensate for that kind of talk.

Practically speaking, white males have nothing to complain about. According to *Newsweek*, they make up about 40 per cent of America's population, but are overwhelmingly represented in positions of power within politics, business and the media. They are still far richer, more privileged and independent than any other group.

Since white males effectively run America, the argument goes, the parlous and disturbing state America finds itself in must be largely their fault. This line of attack has filtered through to the white male, whose response is a combination of impotent anger and guilt about the way things are.

Two key events have compounded their bafflement and uncertainty: the Anita Hill-Clarence Thomas sexual harassment hearings and the Rodney King trials. The feminist backlash prompted by the hearings has left many American men in a sort of hormonal limbo, uncertain about what constitutes acceptable sexual behaviour and unwilling to risk the legal fees that might result from trying to find out.

Similarly, the first trial and acquittal of the policemen accused of assaulting Rodney King, and the resulting riots, made even the most self-satisfied of white Americans question their collective role in American society.

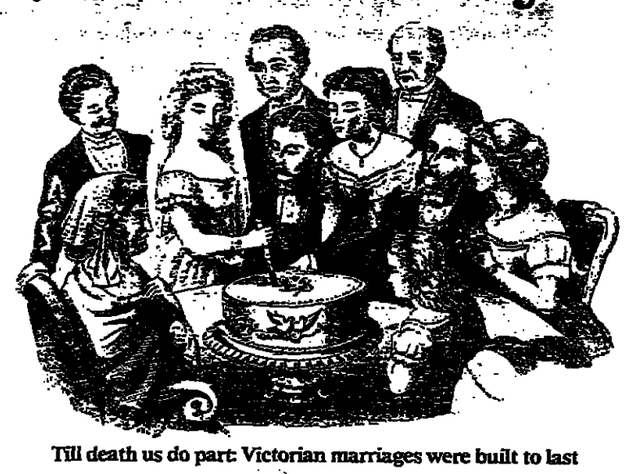
The result of these bitter debates, say psychologists, is to leave many white American men almost bereft of pride. The old macho icons have been deemed unacceptable, and their replacement — the New Man who loves babies and washing up — is widely considered a cop-out invented by women, and unlikely to catch on.

With America now going through one of its periodic bouts of soul-searching, the status of victim is at a premium and white males are eager not to be left out in the race for maximum self-pity. But non-white, non-males point out that white men have enjoyed, and often abused their superior position in society and if they feel uncomfortable now that the world has come full circle, tough luck.

So I and my fellow white, male almost-extinct mammals face a choice: we can either go off the deep end and, like D-fens, start a gun-battle, or we can stop whining, lie back and take it like a man.

The 'nuclear family' may no longer exist, but marriage remains popular

Divorced from reality



Till death us do part: Victorian marriages were built to last

Dr Julian Hafner has managed to create quite a stir with his frankly unsatisfactory book, *The End of Marriage: Why Monogamy Isn't Working*. The reason, no doubt, is that we all know our conventional view of marriage as a life-long joyful union between a man and a woman who will create for their children a warm, secure nest that will still be there when those children themselves breed is at odds with reality.

The latest Office of Population Censuses and Surveys figures indicate that one-third of children in inner London live in one-parent families. It is possible to extrapolate from the 1989 figures that, at any one time, only 8 per cent of us actually live in that traditional family where father is breadwinner, mother is homemaker and there are resident children in the nest.

Certainly, marriage remains popular, and a much higher proportion of adults now marry than they did when marriage was a contract driven primarily by economic rather than emotional considerations. Nevertheless we are uncomfortably aware that modern marriages do not seem built to last. If trends persist, then more than one-in-three marriages now taking place will end in divorce. The second marriages into which divorced people generally hasten appear to be built even more flimsily.

So we should perhaps not be surprised that the number of weddings is in sharp decline, and that so many people choose to cohabit instead. However, since we know those relationships to be even less durable — all those children in one-parent families — we realise that the second part of Dr Hafner's title urgently needs addressing even as we laugh off the first part.

The end of marriage is no more imminent now than it was in the 17th century when Samuel Butler asked: "For in what stupid age or nation,/ Was marriage ever out of fashion?" But it would indeed be a stupid nation that did not recognise, and was not concerned by, the strains of change upon that venerable institution.

Unfortunately, Dr Hafner's book is not much help. His thesis, in 280 eccentric pages of unsound statistics (for example, that one unmarried young woman in three in mid-Victorian London was a full-time prostitute), part-digested feminist reassessments of history, fascinating but not strictly relevant digressions into social customs of warrior clans in Papua New Guinea, interspersed with sound nuggets of clinical psychiatric observation, amounts to little more than what *Punch* put more pithily in the 1840s: "Advice to persons about to marry — 'Don't'."

Dr Hafner's central assertion that married women of 25 to 40 years old are three times as likely as their single contemporaries to suffer avoidable mental illness, and that therefore marriage is bad for women's mental health, has been challenged in the columns of this newspaper by the president of the Royal College of Psychiatrists.

As an Englishman who trained and worked here as a psychiatrist, and then proceeded via America to his professorship at Flinders University in what one can only call the pre-feminist society of South Australia, Dr Hafner blithely hopes to speak for the entire English-speaking world. It won't wash.

His case histories of neurotically houseproud women married to macho, all-providing husbands who won't let their wives go out to work because the neighbours will think them incapable of discharging their bread-winning duties, may be authentically South Australian (or perhaps Japanese), but they sound quaint to modern British ears.

Similarly, his assertion that women suffer overwhelming social pressure to drop their careers and become full-time mothers simply does not apply in Britain today.

Dr Hafner is on firmer ground in identifying a disjunction between our ideal of marriage as that of romantic, passionate love and at the same time a system for managing the mundane over a period of perhaps 60 years. Can a husband really be Heathcliffe or Mr Rochester or a Mills & Boon hero as well as a best friend, business partner, washer-up and nanny? And how many wives can juggle the roles of ideal mistress, mother and best friend from atop a pedestal?

This overloading of marriage with conflicting and unrealisable expectations is recent and surely, if we have any sense, adjustable. In the Fifties, a war-weary nation somehow convinced itself that a woman isolated at home with children and her super, new household gadgets must be blissfully happy, while her returned warrior husband must be thrilled to be doing battle on her behalf with long hours of work and commuting to bring home the bacon.

From this low point, a feminist backlash was bound to spring and sexual liberation helps to establish a cart-before-horse view that passionate, romantic (that is, sexual) love was the necessary preliminary for the best-friends act that marriage was also supposed to be.

Add to this the false notion that Miss or Mr Right would inevitably swan into the lives of the young unmarried without any careful social organising, and you have a blueprint for a lot of failed marriages.

There are signs, however, that the unmarried young are inclining towards testing the friendship first, watching it develop into passion and ditching some romanticism. The effects on this generation and their parents of Vikram Seth's *A Suitable Boy*, the new best seller which deals in detail with the ramifications of arranging marriages with a view to their longevity and the partners' compatibility, could be interesting.

MARGOT NORMAN

IS THIS THE END OF MARRIAGE?

MARRIAGE is a damaging and outmoded institution, says Dr Julian Hafner, the psychiatrist and author of the new book, *The End of Marriage: Why Monogamy Isn't Working*. Is he right? He will defend his views at a Times/Dillons debate at the Institute of Education, 20 Bedford Way, London WC1, on April 21 at 7.30pm. Tickets can be obtained by completing the coupon below, calling at Dillons the Bookstore, 82 Gower Street, London, WC1E 6EQ, or telephoning Dillons on 071-915 6613.

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Cuba heals with carrots



DURING the second world war, the public was led to believe that the success of "Cats' Eyes" Cunningham, Johnny Topham and a handful of other night fighter aces was in no small way due to their dedication to eating carrots. Only later did it transpire that the story was in part disinformation to distract Germany from the development of radar, and in part to encourage the Dig for Victory campaign, where lawns were turned into vegetable patches.

Now the virtue of eating carotene-rich plants is back in the international news. Following the withdrawal of Soviet bloc aid to Cuba, and the continuing American trade embargo, the island's economy has collapsed and malnutrition is rife. This week, the Cuban authorities have warned that there are already cases of vitamin A deficiency blindness, and have issued a list of those weeds and cultivated plants whose leaves, usually either ignored or discarded, are rich sources of carotene.

The earliest signs of vitamin A deficiency are night blindness, and a loss of ability to match colour. Actual loss of sight from vitamin A deficiency is called zerophthalmia, and is the next stage of the disease, when irreversible damage is done to both the conjunctiva and the cornea. Children are particularly at risk and Cuba is not alone in this problem: zerophthalmia is the major cause of blindness in the developing world.

Carotene is metabolised in the body to vitamin A, so that if a diet is deficient in vitamin A-rich foods such as eggs, cream, fish oil and liver, that can be compensated by increasing the intake of the carotene-rich vegetables. Vitamin A deficiency is usually only part of a general vitamin deficiency. The effects are exacerbated by a diet in which too little protein and fat interferes with the absorption and storage of available vitamin A.

Breast cancer experts want X-ray tests every two years

Closing the screening gap

At the third international conference on breast screening, held in Cambridge recently, Dr Laszlo Tabar, a Swedish radiologist who is a renowned expert, questioned the British health department policy of recommending screening for women over 50 once every three years. In *General Practitioner magazine*, Dr Tabar says, "What it comes down to is that either you do screening well, or not at all". He recommends screening this age group every 18 months or two years.

It is becoming increasingly accepted by British specialists that, for women who are pre-menopausal and who belong to a high-risk group, a three-year interval is far too long. In the younger breast, the cancer develops more quickly and, as the breast is denser and therefore the X-ray (the mammogram) more difficult to interpret, more insidiously.

The College of Radiologists has recently advised against the wholesale screening of younger, pre-menopausal women. Screening should be reserved, it suggests, for those who are known to be at a greater risk than the average. It is unlikely that anyone would disagree with the college's other recommendation, that if a woman feels a suspicious lump no time should be lost waiting for a mammogram: she should be sent immediately to a surgeon.

The college's views on pre-menopausal breast screening, however, are very much more controversial. It is understood that apart from the overall desire to reduce exposure to radiation there was a feeling at the college that too many women suffered anxiety because an equivocal mammogram resulted in unnecessary surgery or an unhappy few months until a repeat X-ray is possible.

Cytopathologists are the doctors and



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Dr Thomas Stuttaford

scientists who analyse the body's cells under the microscope to detect malignant change. The British Society for Clinical Cytology accepts that while the majority of women screened are reassured on receiving a normal report, the comparatively few who are asked to come back after six months may suffer severe anxiety. To overcome this problem, the cytopathologists advocate a wider use of immediate fine needle aspiration, FNA.

FNA is a simple procedure in which a very fine needle is inserted into the suspicious area, as seen on the X-ray film, or the palpable lump, so that cells may be withdrawn for examination.

Surprisingly, many screening centres which use mammography and ultrasound, the diagnostic imaging techniques, either have no access to FNA or have not yet accepted its value.

Dr Ian Ellis, a consultant cytopathologist at Nottingham City hospital, says: "Finding a breast lump generates an extremely high level of anxiety which can be reduced by rapid diagnosis. The use of mammography and ultrasound coupled with FNA in doubtful cases has proved to be a very successful and quick diagnostic procedure. The tests can be carried out at the first visit to the breast clinic, and the results can be made available quickly."

Like Dr Tabar, Dr Ellis thought that a three-year interval between screenings in the older woman was too long. Dr Ellis told *The Times* that 18 months would be ideal, but he expected that policy to be deemed too financially costly, and that a compromise of a two-year gap between screens might be acceptable. But for those at maximum risk, younger women with a family history of breast cancer, perhaps, he felt that even a two-year interval between screenings was excessive.



Breath of air is a wheeze

THE British addiction to sleeping with windows open was condemned as being medically foolhardy a decade or two ago.

Inhalation of cold, damp night air not only predisposes people to developing chronic bronchitis but it can precipitate asthma, and, in those with suspect coronary arteries, induce angina, or even bring on a heart attack.

It is the air temperature which is important to maintaining health, and it is therefore possible for a patient to be in danger however cosy they may feel beneath their duvets.

Conversely, the health experts' argument had been accepted that a well-ventilated workplace kept the workforce alert and prevented headaches, dry sore throats and excessive tiredness, symptoms which are often attributed to a stuffy atmosphere.

Recent research published in the *New England Journal of Medicine* casts doubt on this. During a six-week period, 1,500 office workers were questioned about their symptoms, and during this time, the ventilation was constantly changed without their knowledge, altering the degree of "stuffiness".

Even though the amount of fresh air admitted varied hugely, it made no difference to the workforce's symptoms.

Altered states of understanding



Fifty years ago, Albert Hoffman (above) took the first LSD trip. **Louis Appleby** charts its route since then



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Icons of the acid age: the Rolling Stones at Altamont in 1969, captured in the film *Gimme Shelter*. LSD was most successful as a recreational drug

FIFTY years ago tomorrow Albert Hoffman, a Swiss chemist working with lysergic acid diethylamide, accidentally absorbed some through his fingertips and discovered its power to induce hallucinations in minute dose. Two days later he swallowed some deliberately, and the LSD trip was born.

The anniversary is being marked in various ways around the world, including a celebration in London's Hyde Park on Sunday. It will be a day of nostalgia for the drug and the ideas that flourished in its heyday in the 1960s: self-knowledge through psychedelia, understanding the mind by scrambling its senses.

But although the LSD culture, once so avant-garde, will look simply quaint, the drug and modern psychiatric research have more in common than one might suspect.

The research potential of this novel substance was immediately obvious. Hallucinations are a central feature of mental illnesses such as schizophrenia, and the hope was that the actions of LSD could reveal something about the cause of such ailments.

A period of study followed. LSD's effects on the brain were shown to be numerous. Altered mood states, from apprehension to elation to despair, frequently occurred, as did illogical or suspicious thoughts. Sounds and colours were intensified or distorted, and the sense of time disrupted. The most striking effects were visual: objects seemed to move, warp or shrink, and vivid hallucinations paraded through the mind.

In the two or three decades following its discovery everything about LSD was unearthed except the most important points — how it worked and what it signified.

The way the drug caused perceptual disturbance remained a mystery. Although it was found to suppress nerve pathways in the brain containing a neurotransmitter called serotonin, exactly how interfering with this area of brain physiology led to such a panoply of mental symptoms was never clarified. And even though the drug produced experiences also found in mental illness, there were important differences that cast doubt on LSD as a clue to the chemistry of madness. For one thing, most people with schizophrenia do not see anything unusual — they *hear* voices threatening them or commenting on what they do. And the paranoid delusions that are common in schizophrenia — elaborate beliefs of being watched or plotted against — were not reproduced by LSD. Nor was the fragmentation of thought and language, nor the feeling of being controlled by some outside force.

So scientific research interest faded, and was replaced by a clinical use of the drug that was supposed to be therapeutic. The idea never really caught on in Britain, but in the United States LSD was given to aid psychotherapy. Deeper personal insights were said to arise from its mind-expanding powers. It was then only a short step to recreational use.

Looked at from the vantage point of the 1990s, LSD has taught us far less about the secrets of the individual than about the fashions of the society that dabbled in it.

There was nothing new in the notion that altered states of mind could reveal the inner self — psychoanalysis was built on the idea — but the 1960s embraced it like no other era. Such an ingenuous belief could only have existed at a time when the drug culture was itself relatively innocent. As faith in LSD declined, so the social context of drug-taking shifted; linked to poverty, disaffected youth and eventually Aids, drugs have become more dangerous.

Although no single scientific advance can be attributed to Hofmann's hallucinogen, the brain systems where LSD was thought to exert its effect now attract huge academic interest: serotonin has become the main focus of research into depression and other psychiatric disorders.

Anti-depressant drugs appear to elevate mood by altering the way nerve cells communicate with each other in the brain pathways that regulate emotion. Electrical impulses pass from one cell to another by the release of transmitter chemicals, and anti-depressants enhance the activity of these compounds, either by preventing them from being destroyed or by magnifying the response of the receiver cells. It seems likely that a number of neurotransmitters influence mood, but current attention is all on serotonin and the drugs that boost its effects.

The same drugs can also be used to suppress anxiety, and have been shown to moderate the cycle of bingeing and vomiting in bulimia and to improve the symptoms of agoraphobia and obsessional neurosis. Recently evidence has emerged that serotonin is also responsible for controlling impulsive behaviour and that suicidal acts may at times be related to malfunctioning serotonin mechanisms.

The promise of LSD, like its impact on the senses, may have been illusory, but, as is often true of illusions, there was something real behind it.

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Is psychotherapy all in the mind?

New research casts doubt on one of modern man's medical totems

PSYCHOTHERAPY is one of Britain's most recession-proof industries. More than 100,000 people are now estimated to be receiving the "talking cure", and demand has outstripped supply. But the boom has taken place in the absence of hard evidence that psychotherapy works.

A review of research into the efficacy of psychotherapy by Professor Gavin Andrews, an Australian psychiatrist, published in this month's *British Journal of Psychiatry*, reaches a bleak conclusion. The dominant practice in Britain, dynamic psychotherapy — which focuses on past relationships and explores them in the context of the present relationship with the therapist — is, he found, no better than ordinary routine clinical care.

British researchers disagree. Members of Sheffield university's psychotherapy research programme, funded by the Medical Research Council, believe that the evidence that psychotherapy works is now so well-established it would be unethical to perform placebo studies. "We would have difficulty expecting people who might be severely depressed to wait for treatment," says Dr Shirley Reynolds, a clinical psychologist.

> There is a growing interest in Britain in short-term treatments

Many treatments in medicine lack formal proof of their efficacy, but concern about the cost and safety of psychotherapy makes the demand for proof more urgent. At £25 to £35 a 50-minute session, it does not come cheap, and patients may have several sessions a week for many years.

There is also the risk of harm. The therapeutic relationship is intimate and therapists can influence their patient's values. There are well-documented cases of sexual abuse. In one study, 10 per cent of doctors and other mental health workers reported that their own therapy had harmed them, suggesting that the number of patients harmed but who do not complain might be considerable.

Demand for psychotherapy has been fuelled by the breakdown of family life, increasing solitariness and the tougher demands of modern life. People look to their therapists for what is missing in their personal lives. At the same time, though, people have become disillusioned with mainstream psychiatry because, although it has made great leaps in the treament of severe illness, it has contributed almost nothing to solving the ordinary problems associated with relationships, work and families.

But measuring the effectiveness of therapy is tricky. Recovery from a physical illnes is generally easy to spot, but recovery in psychotherapeutic terms — which may amount only to a kind of growing up — is harder to judge. For this reason there is growing interest in Britain in short-term treatments focused on specific problems which can be tested by questionnaire.

The Royal College of Psychiatrists is backing the development of cognitive behavioural therapy, a new technique developed in the past five years which seeks to help the patient see the world in more optimistic ways. "It is a matter of describing the glass as half-full rather than half-empty," Dr Reynolds says.

General psychiatrists see the technique as being more applicable to the sort of problems their patients have. But a forthcoming study by the Sheffield university researchers will show that short-term, dynamic psychotherapy lasting as little as eight sessions is equally effective. "People tend to favour whichever camp they are in. Their allegiance tends to colour their views," Dr Reynolds says.

Professor Andrews, who has spent more than ten years investigating the outcome of psychotherapy, claims no allegiance. He eschews therapy, preferring good clinical care, because of its "breadth and flexibility".

JEREMY LAURANCE

Primal scream gets a hearing

Lost for words? Voice therapists can help to sound out the hidden you



VIRGINIA IRONSIDE

AFTER dance therapy, drama therapy and art therapy, another new therapy is waiting in the wings. If the thought of yet another such therapy makes you want to groan, then perhaps you should examine exactly what that groan means, because this is singing, or voice therapy.

According to Paul Newham, the founder of the International Association for Voice Movement Therapy, voice therapy is nothing new. In a new book, *The Singing Cure*, he argues that it has been around since the ancient Greeks. But with mankind's relentless desire to tidy things up and control manners, he has tried to tame voice power, forcing it into the straitjacket of opera and limiting singers' ranges into defined groups — soprano, alto and so on.

This formalising started long before, when we first learnt words to express ourselves. It was then, Mr Newham argues, that we started to cut ourselves off from our primal roots. Our first expression when we come into the world is a cry, and it is by crying and screaming that we learn to make ourselves heard. As we get older, however, we suppress the groans, grunts and screams of babyhood, repressing many feelings that cannot be expressed in words.

Until "words come into things, when we're around six months old, the language of cooing and babbling is universal. A child, sitting on a bench, listens to the tone in: "You just move from there..!" and responds to the threat in the voice rather than the words, which dare it to move.

But where are the grunts and groans of our ancestors? They can sometimes be heard during exorcisms, sex or speaking in tongues — or, more socially, in spontaneous expressions like "Oooh!" "Aaah!" and "Mmm!"

Freud produced the "talking" cure, but his student, Wilhelm Reich, broke away, emphasising the importance of body and breathing in therapy. It was no longer what you said, but the way that you said it. Then came Alexander Lowen, who emphasised the importance of the scream, leading to the kind of therapy developed by Arthur Janov in the 1960s.

Alfred Wolfsohn's story makes the most fascinating reading in the history of voice therapy. In the trenches during the first world war, Wolfsohn heard "screams, groans and cacophonous pleas which were pitched higher and lower than he would ever have thought physically possible". After the war, haunted by his memories, he became convinced that if he could only repeat these sounds, he could exorcise them. Thus he took himself to various singing teachers who did not mind him screaming in their studios.

He came to London and started teaching here, with the aim of making Jung's dreams audible through the human voice. One of his pupils wrote of the sounds he produced in his clients: "In the beginning it was a squeaking and a squeezing, a screaming and a peeping; and out of this developed a different kind of beauty, the beauty of the dared expression."

Wolfsohn felt that training voices to sing within specific ranges was damaging, and he trained one of his pupils to sing eight octaves — eventually she could sing every part in the *Magic Flute*. One of his clients was Rabbi Lionel Blue. When he worked with him, "Everything came out, ugly sounds, beautiful sounds, cracks, groans, screeches and a multitude of different characters. But it was never a process of taking part, but of putting together all the pieces into a whole; a whole that I had never experienced before — and this whole was me."

Today, a part of voice therapy is called psychophonics, which Newham defines as "the process of conveying psychological information in the form of non-verbal vocal sound". The therapist tries to put the client in touch with a variety of archetypal characters, making them feel more in harmony with themselves. Voice therapy concentrates almost exclusively on the feelings expressed by sounds rather than words.

It is a therapy that particularly suits people who may find that fluency with words inhibits the expression and recognition of deeper, darker and probably uncharted aspects of their personalities.

● *The Association for Voice Movement Therapy, 7c Ballards Lane, London N3 1UX. The Singing Cure: An introduction to Voice Movement Therapy (£11.99, Rider).*

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TRAVEL NEWS

Croatia papers over the cracks

Desperately in need of foreign currency, Croatia is trying to lure back tourists to its resorts, **Ray Clancy** reports

British tourists are being urged to return to Croatia for the first time since civil war engulfed the former Yugoslavia in 1991.

Phoenix Holidays, the British subsidiary of the Croatian tourist organisation Bemex Tours, is organising summer package holidays to Istria in the far north, which was untouched by the fighting. Although the area is unspoilt and attractive, the hotels and apartments are in need of renovation.

Many of the hotels appear in the company's brochure as gleaming new complexes similar to the best in the Mediterranean. The reality, however, is often disappointing.

At the Punta Verudela complex just outside Pula, which used to be one of the most popular holiday destinations, weeds are growing out of the window-boxes, paint is peeling from the walls and the apartments are drab and unimaginative. Vladimir Damaska, the complex's marketing director, is big on smiles and promises. "We need some paint here and there, everything is being made ready," he says. He confidently predicts that the swimming pool will be free of slime when the season's first tourists arrive at the end of April.

Before the war, 500,000 British tourists a year flocked to some of the most scenic resorts on the Adriatic. So far, even with the fresh drive to win back desperately needed foreign currency, the company has received only 300 advance bookings.

Along the coast at Rovinj, the locals are optimistically preparing for a "bumper" year. But their harbour, polluted by waste from a nearby tobacco factory, needs a clean-up before the luxury yachts return and the resort can reclaim its old nickname, St Tropez.

The Hotel Park, a concrete monstrosity, has splendid views over to the old town and Katarina island. When the war broke out, Phoenix had difficulty persuading the British tourists to leave. "We had to get them to sign a disclaimer; they were literally holding on to the door handles by their fingernails," David Skillicorn, Phoenix's sales manager, says.

Tourism has always been an important source of cash and is now Croatia's main income after shipbuilding. But the country has a long way to go if it wishes to see British holidaymakers return.

Thousands of refugees were put up in the deserted hotels. Now they have all been moved to camps. Damir Gaspic, sales executive with the Jadran Turist group, says: "Quite simply, if you want tourists there is no place for refugees."

Ask where the refugees are in Istria and you are met with blank stares. Residents do not want to admit that there are hundreds of displaced people in the area. In Porec two of the hotels are still full of refugees, mostly from the Vukovar area. Their board is paid for by the Croatian government.

One of the curious things about Croatia is its lack of individual cultural identity. It is Italian, German, French and even Spanish all rolled into one. The culture and tastes are a hotchpotch of different civilisations, a legacy of constant invasion since before Roman times.

When it comes to package tours the accommodation cannot compete with, for example, Spain or Greece, but the lack of modernisation has its compensations. The bars and cafés verge on the exotic. The drinks are robust and the people welcoming. Parts of the resorts are charmingly untouched.

According to Neven Jerkovic, regional director for Bemex Tours, the British are desperately needed because they spread their holidays throughout the season, unlike the Germans and Italians who tend to all go on holiday in August. In conjunction with Croatia Airlines the company has arranged seven flights a week from Manchester, Heathrow and Gatwick to Pula in an attempt to rally the British.

But further down the coast the holiday resorts are no-go areas. Serb snipers lurk in the hills around Dubrovnik. The Dalmatian coast is featured in the Phoenix brochure, although at present the company has no intention of sending tourists to the area. "It is featured in our brochure because the situation could change by the middle or end of the season," Mr Skillicorn says. "Customers asking about the area will be offered an alternative holiday in Istria."

Croatia has been relatively successful in sorting out its economy, but the threat of further fighting is still there. Canadian blue berets who have just completed a six-month tour of duty along the Croatian-Bosnian border report that there are huge ammunition stores on both sides.



Old-style charm: parts of Croatia are untouched, much to the modern tourists' delight

VIEWPOINT

Stansted left in the lurch

Swift action is needed, **Robert McCrindle** says

After years of agonising, the government chose to back the development of Stansted as London's third airport. Now, following American Airlines' decision to pull out, the multi-million pound investment of BAA plc threatens to become a white elephant, and ministers are refusing to come to its aid.

They do not seem to realise that if Stansted is a flop, the search for further runway space around London will have to start all over again.

The decision by American Airlines to withdraw Stansted's one transatlantic service is a body-blow to the Essex airport, even though TWA has shown an early interest in flying in. The domino effect on the other scheduled services to European destinations could be serious, leaving little more than charter services. Clearly some drastic action is called for and the government has a role to play.

First, however, it is fair to question whether American Airlines, and indeed BAA, have yet adequately sold the benefits of Stansted or effectively tapped the catchment areas around the airport.

There are thousands of travellers, especially businessmen, who could be persuaded to use Stansted, even with its present restricted service. The real breakthrough, however, would be the establishment of transatlantic services, which would attract British and American passengers, including those heading from America to other European cities.

Probably all that is needed is fewer than half a dozen flights



Sir Robert: body-blow

to American destinations. At least three US airlines are anxious to start such services, but cannot get permission from the British authorities to do so. The reason is that Stansted is classified, along with Gatwick and Heathrow, as a London airport and all the entitlement to fly has been used up by Delta, American and United Airlines. Ministers are at pains to say that these airlines are free to transfer a service from Heathrow or Gatwick.

So without prejudice to the wider debate going on with the US authorities about access to Heathrow, why does the government not detach Stansted and define it as a provincial airport alongside Birmingham and Manchester?

That would almost certainly attract new services by the big three US airlines. If the government insists that no action be taken until the UK/US bilateral agreement is re-negotiated, it may be too late.

● *Sir Robert McCrindle is a former MP and a consultant to the leisure industry*

TRAVELOGS

Adventure by rail

ACORN Activities is running a unique journey on a Welsh railway line threatened with closure. A Class 47/8 locomotive with wood-panelled first-class Pullman coaches will take passengers over 12 summits, through seven tunnels and across two viaducts on the Central Wales Line.

The train will travel from Hereford south to Llandrindod Wells along the Heart of Wales Line, and then back via Ludlow. The trip includes champagne breakfast, buffet lunch at the Metropole Hotel in Llandrindod Wells, and cream tea. The journey is on Saturday, May 1 and costs £125 per person (0432 357335 for details).

Half-price Caribbean

ELEGANT Resorts is offering two weeks in the Caribbean for the price of one. Between May 8 and 19 and July 24 to September 29, 14 nights at the Coral Reef Club in Barbados start at £945. Elegant Resorts has similar offers at the Calabash, Grenada, the Royal St Lucian, St Lucia, and Roundhill, Jamaica (details: 0244 329671).

On the ball

IN RESPONSE to the interest generated by television coverage of Italian league football, Italiatour (071-383 3886) is running a series of football packages to Rome and Milan with flights, accommodation and guaranteed match tickets.

Something fishy

THE first Tana Deep Sea Fishing tournament is planned for Mauritius from October 22 to 29. Tana Specialist Travel (0789 414200) is offering nine-night packages — *October 22-31 — for £1,275 per* person, based on four anglers in a boat and shared twin rooms. The price includes flights, transfers, half-board accommodation, three full- and two half-days' fishing.

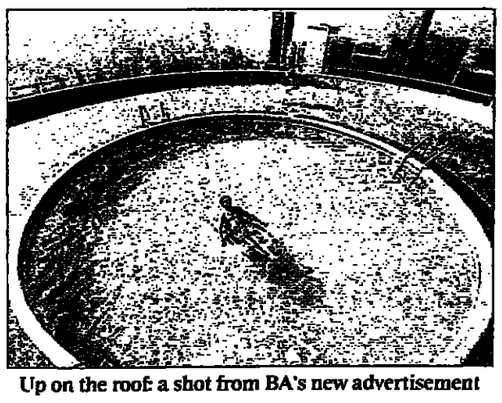
Travel News is edited by Harvey Elliott

Leading the pack

BA is wooing business travellers by encouraging them to relax in the air

British Airways today launches the latest phase in its drive to attract first and business class passengers with new services, a £20 million advertising campaign and the extension of its first class sleeper seat service to 30 intercontinental routes.

From today, sleeper services will be available on flights to and from India and the Middle East and on services to London from Africa and North America. The company this week also launched a new health-conscious travel programme with the slogan, Well-being in the Air. The programme includes healthy in-flight meals, exercise, alcohol-free drinking and aromatherapy products for skin care and stress relief.



Up on the roof: a shot from BA's new advertisement

The packages — the sleeper service is extended from a pilot programme on the London to New York route — are part of BA's £100 million marketing programme aimed at premier service travellers. First class, Club World and Executive Club passengers are being targeted because they yield higher profits than those in economy class. The first class return fare to New York is nearly £4,000 while economy fares are nearer £200.

The main thrust of the programme is to add value to business and first class travel at a time when many companies are down-grading their executives's travel arrangements. As well as launching the sleeper service, BA has built a new lounge pavilion at Heathrow's Terminal 4 and an arrivals lounge at Gatwick. It has refitted Concorde and improved facilities for Club World passengers.

BA's Well-being in the Air programme, which begins today, aims to improve travel for passengers on long-haul flights. David Charlton, BA's group brand manager, says: "Talking to passengers has proved their ideal flight does not necessarily involve an office-in-the-sky. What they really want from us is an environment where they are comfortable enough to arrive in good shape — alert and focused, calm and relaxed."

From today, passengers will be given practical advice on preparing for their flight: for example, wearing loose-fitting clothes and going for a brisk walk before boarding are recommended. Passengers using the new lounge pavilion in Terminal 4 are encouraged to take a shower before a long flight.

Passengers have been given the option of meals that are lighter, low in salt, sugar and dairy products. There is also the option of alcohol-free drinks to reduce the dehydrating effects of dry cabin air.

A range of aromatherapy products is provided to Club World and First Class passengers to ward off the itchy, dry skin that comes from spending hours in the low pressure atmosphere of an aircraft cabin.

The ethos of BA's new approach is being promoted in a new commercial, made by Saatchi & Saatchi, which is launched today. The advertisment will emphasise quality of life and the notion that businessmen should consider flying as a time for reflection and creative thinking. It features as its sound track a sixties soul hit by the Drifters, *Up on the Roof*.

The original Club World advert in 1988 focused on a businessman flying in on the red-eye to face a boardroom of sharp operators expecting him to be a "lamb to the slaughter".

A BA spokesman said its latest campaign was far more traditional than the world branding it has promoted most recently: "It shows a great deal more of the product. The last campaign, which we called 'feeling good' was more to do with global awareness. This one is aimed at the business traveller because of the state of the business market."

Dries de Vaal, an independent leisure consultant from Touche Ross's Greene Belfield-Smith division, said BA was ahead of the game in its promotion of in-flight relaxation but that other airlines would inevitably follow. "The ideas are not particularly new. On the one hand, BA is reflecting what is happening in society generally, with the growth in health consciousness.

"On the other, I suspect BA has recognised that anyone in first or business class finds it virtually impossible to work. There are interminable disruptions and you don't want somebody eavesdropping or looking at your papers. I don't think other airlines are paying as much attention to this, but BA is pumping so much money into it that it will succeed. Then the others will have to follow."

PETER VICTOR

Fresh protection for package tours

Thousands of firms offering package tours are now trading illegally. From April 1 it has been a legal requirement that all package holiday retailers provide financial protection for holidaymakers. Many, mostly small operations, do not understand the new rules. Others are not even aware of them, *Peter Victor writes*.

Under the EC directive on package travel, package tour operators must have a bond, insurance policy or escrow account to cover refunds or the cost of allowing people to complete their holidays should the company go bankrupt.

According to the trade department, there are about 20,000 package organisers in the UK. Of these, about 600 are bonded through the Civil Aviation Authority's ATOL scheme. Another 700 are Abta bonded and 130 are bonded through the Association of Independent Tour Operators (Aito).

Aito said that it has been bombarded with calls from companies asking for help. Holidaymakers in the past have tended to book holidays through whichever firm was cheapest. "They didn't consider why a bonded firm might be more expensive than a non-bonded company, although of course when the company collapsed and they found they had lost their money they would kick themselves," an Aito spokeswoman said.

Aito has a directory of bonded members and Abta provides a similar service.

● *Abta 0891 202520 (premium rate, 48p per minute peak rate, 36p per minute off-peak); Aito 081-744 9280; ATOL 071-832 5620*

Something nasty by the seashore

Jersey Tourism has been criticised by the Advertising Standards Authority (ASA) because the Channel island's beaches are not always as spotless as it claimed.

Two local residents objected to a national press advertisement placed by Jersey Tourism which said "our beaches are always spotless" and added "all our golden beaches are scrubbed and rinsed twice by clear blue water".

The complainants objected to these claims on the grounds that on seven recent occasions large quantities of untreated sewage had poured on to bathing beaches, in particular at Le Hocq.

Jersey Tourism provided test data to show that overall all Jersey's beaches passed the EC Imperative Standard for faecal coliform organisms. The overall rate of compliance at 11 sampling locations was 81.8 per cent. Since the summer of last year, when those tests were carried out, a new ultra-violet sewage treatment plant has been commissioned.

The ASA upheld the complaints, though, because some samples showed "significant concentrations of faecal coliforms above the EC standard".

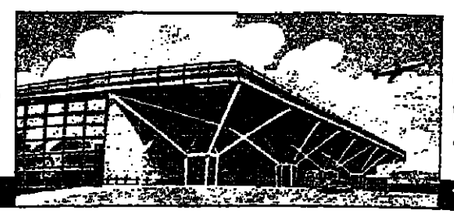
Other complaints upheld against travel companies reported in the latest ASA case reports published yesterday include one against Inghams Travel of south-west London for describing an Austrian hotel as "newly renovated" when it had only partly been refurbished; and one against Kuoni Travel of Dorking for showing in an illustration of a St Lucia hotel a sandy beach which had been covered with a barricade of rocks two years previously.

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In an insecure world, all-inclusive holidays that mean just that are booming. But, **Harvey Elliott** reports, not everybody is happy

Pay before you fly – and not a penny more

Cost-conscious British holiday-makers are avoiding rising prices caused by the fall in the value of the pound and rampant inflation in many parts of the world by booking all-inclusive holidays.

Pioneered by American tour companies, all-inclusive packages, as the name implies, include everything — flights, full-board accommodation, unlimited drinks, sports and entertainment — for a set fee paid before departure. Once the customer has handed over his cash to the travel agent he need not put his hand in his pocket again.

All-inclusive holidays are now widespread throughout the Caribbean and are spreading rapidly to parts of Africa and the Far East. They are proving particularly popular this year because of the fall in the value of the pound against the American dollar.

Tour operators book hotels during the height of the summer for the next year and are able to negotiate highly competitive rates. All hotels in the Caribbean set their prices in dollars and, last August, when the dollar was $1.80 to the pound, an average week in a Caribbean hotel cost $880, or £488. Now the dollar is worth only $1.55, so the same package holiday would cost £570.

Some of the larger tour operators bought dollars "forward", and were therefore able to guarantee that they would not have to add a surcharge to the original brochure price, whatever happened to the exchange rate. Others have been forced to pass on much of the increase to customers.

Hoteliers were acutely aware that such swingeing increases could lead to a slump in bookings and also absorbed a proportion of the rise in price for normal package holiday-makers booking bed and breakfast or half-board accommodation. However, they then added large amounts to the cost of drinks from the bar, occasional snacks and water sports to try to recoup some of their losses.

But all-inclusive hotels could not follow suit. They had negotiated rates with tour operators last August which they were obliged to adhere to, regardless of any change in the exchange rate. Because the package included all drinks, whether alcoholic or soft, and all entertainment and sports, they could not increase the prices of those either.

As a result, clients who booked an all-inclusive package and paid for it in advance are fully protected against price rises of any kind.

Thomson, Britain's biggest tour operator, say that as a result of the bargains now available on all-inclusive holidays, together with their "no surcharge" guarantee, the number of bookings being made for next summer has risen by up to 40 per cent over the past year.

The biggest rise has been in the Dominican Republic, which will welcome 12,000 British tourists this year — half as many again as last year. The cheapest all-inclusive holiday in the island — including flights, accommodation, meals, drinks and entertainment of all kinds — costs £629 during May and June, with £525 for a two-week bed and breakfast package.

"When you consider that those booking bed and breakfast would have to buy at least one, and probably two meals a day, pay for their drinks, water sports and entertainment it must work out far cheaper to take an all-inclusive package," says Steve Garley of Thomson.

So popular have the all-inclusive packages become that some hotels in St Lucia and Antigua are already sold out until the end of September.

In general an all-inclusive package costs about £1,000, with most hotels concentrated in the Caribbean, especially Jamaica, which is as popular with Americans as Majorca is with the British.

FRED WARD / BLACK STAR



Drinking in the good life: 12,000 British tourists are expected to visit the Dominican Republic this year, up 50 per cent on last year

'When you know precisely how much a holiday is going to cost before you even leave home, why bother to leave the hotel?'

Martin Grass of Super Clubs, a leading all-inclusive chain which has five properties in Jamaica, said that the boom began last year, with a 30 per cent increase in bookings. The chain is anticipating a similiar increase this year.

He says Super Clubs is attracting growing interest from holidaymakers in Japan and continental Europe, as the message spreads that there are enormous savings to be made.

The disadvantage of an all-inclusive package, however, is that tourists are cocooned in one hotel in which everything is provided and rarely venture into the local community. This in turn can cause resentment among local traders who rely on holiday-makers for their income, but now find them remaining firmly in their air-conditioned, sanitised and packaged hotels.

"There is a great temptation never to venture out," Mr Garley says. "When even scuba-diving is provided in the original cost and when you know precisely how much a holiday is going to cost you before you even leave home, why bother to leave the hotel?"

New resorts in Kenya and the Far East are now being opened and it is expected that within a few years a "package" holiday will become exactly what it names implies.

Economy hotels in fast lane for Channel tunnel

Four new chains are offering inexpensive rooms for families travelling French roads

ECONOMY hotels are springing up all over France, providing motorists with the choice of staying in a room which can cost as little as £16 per night for a family of three.

But the *la belle France* image of little auberges with beamed ceilings, gingham-checked tablecloths and ruddy-cheeked hosts should swiftly be forgotten. This type of lodging is for travellers who do not want to deviate when driving from A to B but need to rest their heads on a clean pillow for the night.

This class of accommodation is to the hotel world what fast food is to *haute cuisine*. Typically, a room will consist of a double bed, with a metal-framed bunk bed slung laterally across its head where a child may sleep. There may or may not be private toilet facilities. A colour television set on a wall bracket seems to be the norm.

The rooms are small but comfortable, with fitted carpets and bright fabrics to cheer up the frugal surroundings. Aesthetics have taken a back seat due to the unitary concept which makes the hotels cheap to build, run and to stay in.

On arrival you are also more likely to be greeted by a dispensing machine than a receptionist. Front doors are manned at certain times only. Outside these periods "le patron" is an automaton on the front porch with a keyboard and screen. "He" will take your credit card, allocate a room and dispense a numeric code for you to gain entry. Breakfast (around 22 Ffr extra per person), too, is likely to be distributed automatically.

The McDonald's of France's fast-bed world is undeniably Formule 1, which describes itself as "the most affordable hotel chain". It has been taking advantage of its pole position by opening new pit stops at the rate of one a week for the last five years. It now has 272 outlets in France and is branching out to England (at Doncaster, Peterborough, Teesside and Hull), Germany, Belgium, Holland, Switzerland and South Africa.

Formule 1 is part of the Accor hotel group which operates under the names Sofitel and Pullman at the top end of its range, with Novotel and Ibis in between.

So successful has Accor's experience been with Formule 1 that the group recently began to develop a second chain, Etap, to compete with it. This has eight outlets at the moment, offering "two-star comfort at one-star prices", with another nine planned.

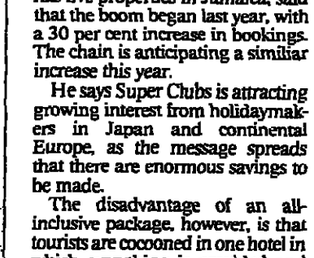
The difference is that whereas prices for Formule 1 and its competitors are fixed, no matter whether one, two or three people are occupying a room, Etap charges according to occupancy, season and location. Prices run from 175 Ffr (£21) to 195 Ffr (£23)

Two other newcomers in the race to capture the bottom end of the market are Mister Bed, with 18 hotels and four more opening soon, and Villages Hotel (eight open, three to come). Their slightly higher prices, 149 Ffr and 135 Ffr respectively, seem justified by the provision of private toilet facilities. Though Formule 1 rooms have a wash basin, guests must be prepared to share toilets and showers.

The logos of all four chains are becoming familiar sights on the outskirts of major towns. With the opening of the Channel tunnel, more Britons are likely to be motoring through France in the near future and be lured by their welcoming glow.

TONY ROCCA

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Sign of the times: cheap beds from a French chain

Europe's battle of the sexes

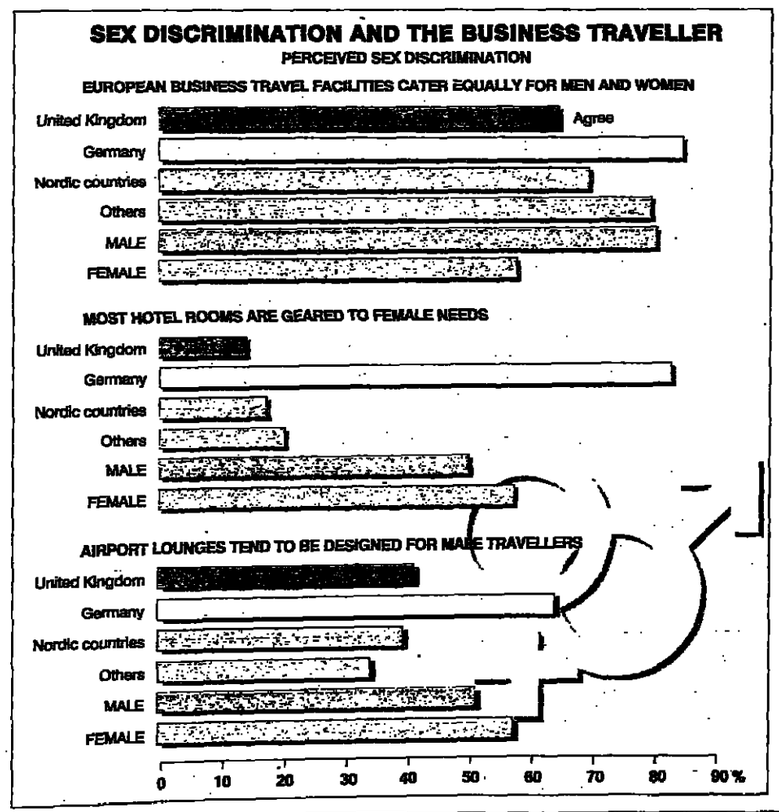
Nearly four out of five people believe that travel facilities in Europe cater equally for men and women, according to an *Official Airline Guide* survey, *Peter Victor writes.*

The Germans seemed particularly satisfied, with 85 per cent of respondents agreeing that there was no discrimination, compared with 79 per cent overall. The Germans also thought that business hotels were geared to women's needs: some 83 per cent agreed against an average of 50 per cent among all respondents. Interestingly, 57 per cent of women agreed with this statement compared with 50 per cent of men.

Some 51 per cent overall agreed that airport business lounges tend to be designed for male travellers. Britain and Nordic countries went against the average with only 17 per cent of Nordic respondents and 14 per cent of Britons agreeing that hotel rooms were geared to female needs.

The survey sampled 4,500 subscribers to OAG, the International Air Passengers Association and Wirtschafts Woche business traveller database. Some 718 usable questionnaires were returned.

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A drop of the hard stuff in Germany; and a sip of sludge at Heathrow

In the best of spirits

Germany, rather than France, can offer the best buys for travellers wanting to stock up on cheap spirits when on the Continent.

In German supermarkets, Britons can buy British and save money when stocking up on familiar brands of Scotch whisky. Such brands often sell for under DM20 (£8.20), and sometimes for as little as DM16 (£6.55), a better deal than the French offer and as cheap as the bottles available in many airport duty free shops.

In the European single market, the "guide level" on the amount of duty-paid spirits that can be brought in to Britain from across the Channel is ten litres per person.

In Germany, big-name gin sells at almost the same price as Scotch. Polish and Russian vodka can be picked up for about £6 but German distillers undercut the imports with adequate vodka of their own at about £4.50 per bottle. They use brand names to suggest Muscovite origins. A big domestic seller for years has been Gorbatschow. Now it has a new, just-as-political competitor: Yeltsin.

The No. 1 German-made drink to take home in quantity is, of course, beer. Nationally-known brands can be found for 90 pfennigs (36p) a litre, or less, almost 30 per cent below the price charged by competitors from Alsace. A litre of equivalent quality and strength sells for about £2 on London supermarket shelves.

Lager-lovers bent on buying in quantity in Germany often complain about not finding enough in light, easy-to-transport tins. Most German retailers still sell mainly in weighty bottles and operate an expensive deposit system which makes purchasing purposeless for foreign visitors.

However, those driving back to the UK who do manage to locate tins — and who have enough space to carry them — can, if travelling in pairs, save over £200. There is no legally enforceable limit but the guide lines suggest a maximum of 110 litres per person.

German outlets offer an abundance of cognac, champagne, chateau and table wines, but not at French prices or in the same vast variety. Experienced explorers of the new "single" market still buy French in France.

ROBERT HAEGER

A cup of estuary, please

Travellers using Heathrow have a choice: they can have cappuccino coffee of a "very high standard indeed", or a cappuccino resembling Thames mud. Pies tasted recently at Heathrow outlets have varied from "wonderful" to "tasteless".

Such verdicts go toward the compilation of the Egon Ronay Ratings, awarding symbols for good food, good service and pleasant atmosphere to the airport's 30 catering outlets. The ratings are revised every three months and are printed in *Egon Ronay Recommends*, a magazine offered free throughout Heathrow.

Heathrow is thought to be the only airport in the world to have a public rating system for its cafés, bars, pubs and restaurants, though the scheme is shortly to be extended to Gatwick. The Ronay team's latest Heathrow reports include such verdicts as: "The *cappuccino contravened the* Trade Descriptions Act: it was a sludge-like liquid resembling the Thames estuary"; and "A leaden quiche with grotesquely thick pastry ... should be removed from sale immediately." Items thus criticised usually disappear promptly from the menu.

At present, the top-rated Heathrow outlet is The Granary in Terminal 3, which scores a maximum six points. At the bottom of the league, with one point apiece, come the Seafood & Oyster Bar and the Upper Crust snack bar, both beyond passport control in Terminal 4.

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☐ AN ALL-INCLUSIVE package to the Pineapple Beach Club, Barbados, is being offered by Caribbean Gold (081-741 8491) for £1,599. The 14-night trip includes flights from Manchester on May 10, meals, drinks, sports and taxes.

☐ JETLIFE Holidays is going one better than companies that offer free car hire. It will actually pay travellers to Florida $5 (£2) to keep their hire cars for a second week when they take 14-night breaks instead of seven nights.

The deal, to Orlando, Miami and Tampa, means that two adults on a fly/drive with Dollar Rent-A-Car now pay £275 each for one week, and £273 for two weeks. (Jetlife 0322 614 801)

☐ SAS is starting a twice-weekly service from Heathrow to Tromsö, Norway, 200 miles inside the Arctic circle. The 3½-hour flights — by DC-9 — will operate from Heathrow between May 27 and August 30.

Special fares, subject to government approval, include a £170 round-trip package for passengers who want to travel out and return the same night to experience the midnight sun between May 20 and July 21. (SAS 071-734 6777).

☐ EXPLORE Worldwide (0252 319448) is offering a ten-day tour in Ethiopia. The price, about £1,295, includes flights, all meals outside Addis Ababa, hotels, transport and guides. The first departure is on October 22.

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Philip Howard



■ Journalists cannot afford omission, but authors may find it alluring

George Perec's last novel, *53 Days*, translated into English, has just been published, and reviewed, in Britain. As you would expect from such a cunning trickster of language, this is a damned elusive pimpernel of a literary thriller, full of cryptic clues and fiddling deconstruction. Perec is the funster who once wrote a novel, *La Disparition*, without ever using the letter E. That is called a lipogram; not a cheeky telegram like a gorillagram, but writing that leaves out (Greek: *leipein*) a letter.

This contorted literary form is surprisingly old and popular. It seems inconceivable to daily journalists, the careless short-distance sprinters of language, that we should make our dash for the deadline harder by such artificial obstacles. It is all we can do to get the paper out each night, and we do not need to invent extra hurdles, though we sometimes enliven our word factory with jokes. I tried to use "*Antidisestablishmentarianism*" as a headline the other night. But the computer signalled that it would bust, *i.e.* break the limits of the column, by sending up two flashing stars and a capital T, which puzzled me at the time. One day I shall dish the machine by getting "*Floccinaucinihilipilification*" into a headline, or at any rate into a "standfirst" under the headline.

But there have always been writers who, instead of a quick sprint, preferred a marathon sackrace in blindfolds with obstacles at irregular intervals along the track. They are sly and secretive scribblers, and the lipogram, which has primitive psychological and old linguistic roots, is one of their little games.

The Greek poet Lasus (born in Achaia in about 548 BC) wrote an ode to the Centaurs and a hymn to Ceres without once using the letter S, which must have stretched his powers of antonomasia in the case of the lady. (In Greek, she was called Demeter.) Tryphiodorus from Egypt in the 3rd or 4th century AD wrote an epic poem in 24 books about the adventures of Odysseus. The letter A was banished from the first book which was called *Alpha* (on the principle of *lucus a non lucendo*, because there was not an alpha in it). His second book was named *Beta*, because it had no Bs. And so on through the alphabet. The game has something to do with an archetypal delight in the discovery of language.

Pierre Riga, a canon of Notre Dame at Rheims (who died about 1209), earned a great reputation by his versification of the entire bible, omitting a different letter from each chapter. In intervals of the trials and tribulations of life, and churning out 1,800 plays, Lope de Vega made time to write five novels, each of which omitted one of the five vowels in turn. In 1816 a French playwright named Ronden wrote his *Pièce sans A* for the Théâtre des Variétés in Paris. On the first night, Duval entered from one wing, Mengozzi from the other side. The first words the latter intoned were: *Ah, monsieur! vous voilà*. The audience fell about and hissed their derision at this unconventional beginning to a play of no As. This gave the prompter time to set the actor right, with *Eh, monsieur! vous voici*. (When I was prompter once, an actor dried on the line, "Don't look at me like that", which made his repeated pathetic turns to the wings for help both jerky and ineffectual.)

Here is a contemporary lipogrammatist's version of "Mary Had a Little Lamb" without Ss:

> Mary had a little lamb.
> With fleece a pale white hue,
> And everywhere that Mary went
> The lamb kept her in view;
> To academe he went with her,
> Illegal, and quite rare:
> It made the children laugh and play
> To view a lamb in there.

There is obviously a wire crossed somewhere in the brains of lipogrammarians. In daily journalism, life is too short and the deadline too pressing. Our business is instant communication to be deciphered easily in unfavourable circs such as the Circle Line in the rush hour. But sprinters cannot help admiring the blindfolded sackracers of writing. Upon this basis I am going to show you how a hack in a hurry can tap words without using that most popular symbol in our national word hoard, and fifth symbol in our symbol list. Hack is drawn to lunacy of lipogram as is fly to jam pot.

Sealing the Occupied Territories may be more than a temporary solution to violence, says **Barbara Amiel**

Peace, passports and a parcel of land

My most recent trip to Israel ended a month ago. After conversations from Nablus to Gaza to Jerusalem, a feeling of utter helplessness set in. In the end one is forced to a conclusion: certain situations in the world, of which the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is one, are unlikely to allow two groups of people to occupy land in any form of civilised co-existence in this historical epoch — by which I mean our or our children's lifetimes.

The reasons for this are fruitless to canvass because they no longer matter. Either side can pound the table and cite grievances, but looking at countries such as the former Yugoslavia or the Middle East you have to face some realities. And asking whether they are noble or ignoble, wise or foolish, or can be ascribed more to the fault of one side than the other becomes pointless. All you can legitimately seek is the solution that will see the smallest number of people stabbed, mutilated or forced to live in what they consider subjugation.

After a series of brutal attacks on Israelis, the Israeli government sealed off the West Bank and Gaza. All around Israel is the notional Green Line that demarcates the Israel of before 1967 from that of today. On the outer side of it are the territories that King Husain of Jordan lost when he joined Abdul Gammer Nasser in his ill-fated attempt to wipe Israel out in 1967.

In those territories sit the Palestinians: they curse the Israeli occupation that their Arab leaders brought upon them; they curse the soldiers who administer an occupation which by 20th-century standards is pretty much of a joke, but behind their curses is a genuine grievance: like any people they want their own passports and piece of land. Never mind that the Palestinians have said "no" to at least three plans from the 1937 Peel Commission on giving them a state; never mind that the name Palestine was a bit of Foreign Office romanticism claimed from the Romans. The Jews' claim to Palestine via Eastern Europe is a bit dodgy as well. We have all travelled a long way to get home.

This week an attempt is being made to restart the peace talks. The Palestinians have made the issue of the deportees (remember them?) a sticking point. The deportees are said to be members of the Islamic Resistance Movement (Hamas). In the event of the PLO managing to negotiate a secular state with Israel, the blood-curdling clauses of the Hamas charter would instantly invoke war on the PLO. But as funding for the PLO dried up, Hamas gained more power in the refugee camps and the Territories. Now the PLO must take note of Hamas. Not only are the Muslim fundamentalist deportees on the agenda, but last week a representative of a group within Arafat's Fatah took credit for firing six-katusha rockets into Northern Israel. Arafat has to show Hamas he is still very keen on the armed struggle.

No doubt a formula will be found to bring the Palestinians back to the peace table next week. This will probably include a scheduled return of the deportees and a (welcomed) renunciation of mass deportations by the Israelis; Yassir Arafat's ally Faisal al-Husseini will probably be put on the Palestinian peace delegation. In a bit of semantic hopscotch, there is a Palestinian peace team and a Palestinian delegation: the delegation can enter the room in which the talks are held, but the team does all the substantive work and has to sit outside. As a resident of East Jerusalem, Husseini, like Hanan Ashrawi, is ineligible for the peace delegation (which is restricted to residents of the Territories).

What good will elevating Husseini or Ashrawi do? As one prominent Arab supporter of the PLO told me yesterday from Jerusalem: "Husseini couldn't fill a telephone booth with his supporters. He simply isn't seen as a genuine Palestinian leader." Still, whoever achieves a state for the Palestinians must gain credibility, and the PLO could still outmanoeuvre Hamas. The Israelis are caught in a no-win position. The PLO gained entry to the Madrid talks by claiming that it was prepared for a two-stage strategy: early talks to negotiate a period of interim autonomy, with a mandatory obligation upon the Israelis to negotiate a final agreement after three years. Having got to Madrid, the Palestinians did a 180-degree turn and insisted that before agreeing to talks on interim autonomy they had to see the shape of the final agreement. Meanwhile, Palestinian society has been growing ever more violent.

The Intifada has been a ruinous policy. As Mrs Ashrawi told me: "It became factionalised and then a base for military recruiting." Now the Intifada is often a front for extortion from Palestinians by Palestinians. Anyone who does not pay up or holds a different political view risks his life and that of his family. The Intifada's leaflets, issued by the United National Leadership of the Uprising, urge women, children and all Palestinians to turn the territories "into a fire of volcano and struggle".

As it is, many Arabs are rather pleased with the sealing off of the Territories. "Politically," I was told by Jack Khazmo, the publisher of the PLO-subsidised *Al-Bayader Assiya Weekly News*, "this is a good thing: it will make the Palestinians more dependent on themselves, and reinforces the pre-1967 boundaries."

Sealing off the Territories may have been the most imaginative move Mr Rabin has tried, but it is unlikely he will have the stamina to see it through, and the predictions are that the Territories will be open again soon. The immediate reason for his action was obvious: if a state cannot guarantee that its citizens can go and buy milk without being stabbed on the streets, then the state is not viable. But Likud members are panicking at Mr Rabin's action, because they sense what the Arabs smell in the air: the move envisages a *de facto* separation of Palestinian and Jewish states along a geographical border. And in a sense, it signals to those Jews who live in the Occupied Territories that they do so at their own peril: they have chosen to settle in what is not properly Israel. No Israeli will admit this, but their sense of security can never be the same. This could be one of those temporary measures that have a way of becoming permanent, were it not for greed. The Territories provide Israel with cheap building and agricultural labour, and who beside the Arabs will do such work?

The world changes in many ways. In the past ten years, the quasi-Marxists ran out of steam just as quasi-Khomeinists gained a head of it. This has reduced the influence of secular, Christian and non-fundamentalist Muslims in the Middle East, including countries such as Syria and Egypt. Alliances made under the unifying flag of nationalism and Marxism have come asunder. Arafat's PLO is a dozen different factions each with its own agenda. As for Arafat, one PLO member told me, "He goes to many shops. Who can tell where he will have been this week?" One cannot predict the consequences, only try to understand the problems of dealing with negotiators who may represent no one but themselves.

One hundred days of solicitude

Peter Stothard tests the atmosphere in Washington as the first magical marker looms for the Clinton administration

The trash of ages has gone. White House desks are still clear of pennants, plaques, multi-signatured photographs and military base mementoes, the memorabilia of long-time power that ringed the blotters of President Bush's men. Ash-trays are banned. The most fashionable wall decorations are the faded spaces where Republican pictures once hung.

This week the Clinton administration is preparing to celebrate its first 100 days. Anyone wanting a mental image of the places where American policy is now being made should imagine an almost empty room with a glass table-top, a Powerbook computer and a display of dead lettuce leaves that was once a cactus: or the scene in one of the grander suites close to the Oval Office, the walls newly repainted from orange to grey, the floor strewn with packing-cases symbolically still packed.

It would be wrong to suggest any special Clintonite introspection at this point: the president's self-conscious pace of action has precluded such a thing, or certainly the admittance of it. But the traditional 100-day mark in the calendar, bequeathed by Franklin Roosevelt to all Democrats in a hurry, has given at least a chance for checklists to be checked. The character of the new White House is becoming clearer. As governments throughout the world try to assess Washington's approach to the Bosnian debacle, it is the character of the Clinton team, as well as the assessment of American interests, that will count.

Top of the current lists — surpassing Bosnia and medical reform, homosexual soldiery and Yeltsin — is the change in Washington's "atmosphere". Everybody mentions the atmosphere; most people mean by it the invigorating air of "progress and possibility", the belief that big problems can at last be faced, that the old men and women with their cold war relics have gone, and that the people of the Powerbook generation can at last breathe their rightful inheritance. From London it is easy to laugh about the new Washington world where FOBs (friends of Bill) are junior only to FOHs (friends of Hillary), but in Washington the sense of a new order is all too clear.

"Atmosphere" is a seductive notion. The most idealist Clintonites are enjoying it because they have already begun, they think, to reinvent America. The more experienced are enjoying it because they know that it will not last long. The most powerful are enjoying it because they can use today's good to overcome the bad that is to come.

This last group is much the most important. For an ominous atmosphere is closing in. There are two schools of thought about the response to the Bosnian atrocities. Either Bill Clinton was misleading his voters during the election campaign when he attacked President Bush's caution towards Serbia, or he was genuinely determined to act in accordance with his own characteristically American moral outrage. If he was cheating the voters last year, then all his equivocations in office are no more than a search for escape routes of the sort beloved by the British government. If he was sincere, then his actions in increasing Washington's involvement (through his special envoy, the air-drops of food, the no-fly zone and threats of raising the arms embargo) may be steps towards preparing his countrymen for sending troops to Sarajevo.

Americans are still some long way from approving a direct intervention in Bosnia, even one approved by their popular new president. But the spirit of conversation in the National Security Council has a moral tone that would terrify the faint hearts of Europe. There is open talk of the merits of punitive bombing, the demerits of merely "feeding the dead" and the "horrible trade-off" that may be necessary between making an example of Serbia and saving Muslim lives. One senior official spoke firmly of the White House's admiration for France and its policy of greater militancy than that shown by Britain. As for whether John Major would ever join a US-instigated operation against the Serbs, the response was less than wholehearted: "I'm not sure that Britain wouldn't be there if push really came to shove in Europe."

The administration has moved extraordinarily fast to prepare itself to take a difficult message to the nation. The laptop computers and unemptied book-boxes tell the story of an administration that puts the highest priority on high-technology communication, even if more "narrowcasting" to small groups means less access for the national White House press corps. Mr Clinton has practised hard at taking his message over the heads of Washington to the people beyond. He knows that this will be necessary most of all if he is to persuade voters to pay more taxes for universal health care. The fast-moving debate on how access to doctors can be provided more widely and cheaply is one of the marvels of the 100 days. If "atmosphere" means anything in this context it means an air of compromise, even among the most obstructive of the medical profession, which would have been incredible at any other time. But the price will still be high — and the battles ahead dwarf any other domestic issue.

Tactics for selling tax increases can also, however, be used for selling the idea that America's place in the world was uniquely founded upon a moral imperative — and that President Clinton will keep up that tradition by force if international peace demands it. Allied diplomats seem increasingly to believe that this is the president's true position — if only he can find the right opportunity to adopt it. Yesterday's intervention by Margaret Thatcher is likely to be welcomed as a help upon the way.

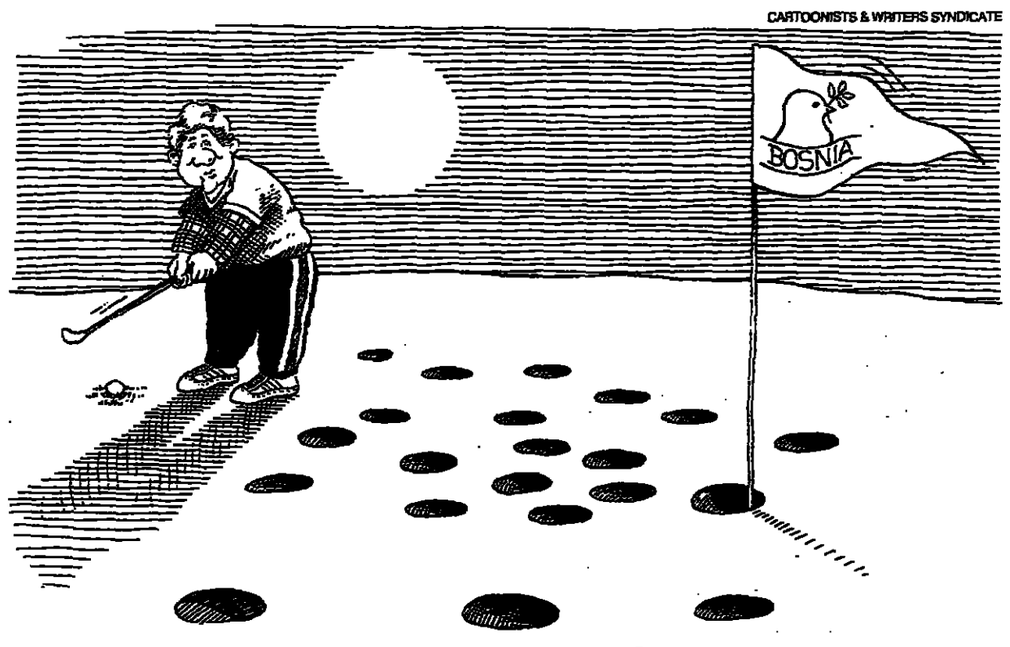
Further down the chart of 100-day achievements lie some blacker marks: broken promises on Haitian immigration, the early weeks when hundreds of offices were not merely empty of books and pictures but of working people. Since every appointment, it seemed, had to cross Mrs Clinton's desk, few appointments were made. Since few aides were in place, lobbyists and interest groups were the only powers in town. While the Clintonising of the Bosnia policy was a benefit, the Clintonising of trade policy, under the aggressive and inexperienced leadership of Mickey Kantor (FOB, FOH) was not.

A late error of Congressional tactics gave Senate Republicans the opportunity to stall the president's unwisely named economic "stimulus programme". The White House expected public outrage at the filibustering of the new president's plans by a Senate minority. The public remembered, however, how the Democrats had so long wrecked George Bush's programmes, and raised hardly a murmur. Even as the Senate was preparing to vote, the White House was delivering the classic old-style Washington punishment to a dissident Democrat senator who had dared call Mr Clinton "the taxman": some 80 federal jobs were moved from Richard Shelby's state of Alabama to Texas, where there is shortly to be a fiercely contested Senate race. A symbolic gesture, it is true. But the White House makes sure that Alabamans get the message of more to come if their man keeps misbehaving.

One darkening shadow over the 100-days fest comes from the unlikely quarter of *The New Republic*, the Democrat weekly much read in Washington offices at moments when their occupants are "off-line". Under the headline "Clincest", the magazine this week berates White House aides, lobbyists and journalists (including its own) for having shared too many houses, colleges, conferences, law-partners, marital beds — and thus, all importantly, having had the same internationalist political ideas.

The article paints a gory picture of well-known journalists helping their well-known wives to gain jobs such as that of Attorney General; of a president who is appointing half of Harvard, it seems, to plum posts; of Oxford University chums who stand in line to be head of the FBI; of wives who work for H while husband works for B. The fear of *The New Republic* is that all this networking by "clever people" (as opposed to the usual mixture of Republican thick and rich) will stifle debate and stop the president staying in touch with the real America. The argument, for all its irritation to those named in the article, is not yet a strong one. If the Bosnian tragedy tries President Clinton's patience any further, he may have a chance to prove his pull over American opinion well before his aides have finished unpacking their office furniture.

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Still on the first green: Clinton's tough game, as drawn by Arcadio for *La Nacion* (San Jose, Costa Rica)

Publish and damn

NO ONE who saw her could have been in doubt: Baroness Thatcher definitely has a head of steam. But then she had been restraining her natural impulse to speak out on Bosnia for more than a week in an effort to make progress on her memoirs. The bad news for John Major is that she has nearly finished them.

When the typescript is delivered to the publisher in a few weeks time, Lady Thatcher's self-imposed purdah, which (Bosnia apart) has been broken only by the occasional newspaper article, will be over. It could be a long hot summer for the government.

The memoirs will contain an epilogue, detailing what she would have done had she still been running the country. There will also be a reference to her views on foreign policy, including Bosnia.

The former prime minister had been tempted to take advantage of dozens of media requests for interviews on Tuesday of last week, the first anniversary of the siege of Sarajevo. But as John O'Sullivan, the New York-based editor of the *National Review* who is helping to write the memoirs, is flying into London at the weekend, she decided to restrain herself and work on. Only after watching television coverage of the bombardment of Srebrenica did she decide to speak out.

Lady Thatcher's onslaught comes at a time when the prime minister's official biographer, Bruce Anderson, who is updating his book on Mr Major, has been hinting of a thaw in relations. Only last week he predicted: "Once Maastricht has passed through the House of Lords there will be a *rapprochement* between John Major and Margaret Thatcher. They met at a party recently and had a long chat." Obviously not about Bosnia.

● *Alija Izetbegovic, Muslim president of Bosnia, arrives in Norway today for talks with Thorval Stoltenberg, the diplomat who takes over from Cyrus Vance very soon as peace envoy. Izetbegovic may find his reception in Oslo ascetically familiar. When state secretary at the foreign office, Stoltenberg was in the habit of asking guests to stay for a working lunch — of mineral water and unbuttered crisp bread.*

Blyton blight

NODDY and Big Ears would have been very cross about the Property Misdescriptions Act and how nasty it has been to Enid Blyton, their creator. The thatched cottage where she lived for nine years is for sale, but the estate agents dare not publish what she had to say about it.



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Her gushing description is simply illegal. "It is perfect, both outside and in," she trilled in her diary in 1929. "Just like a fairytale house and three minutes from the river."

The house inspired many of her tales but leaves the agents devoid of poetry. "We can say it's got a thatched roof and that's about it," says Mark Haines, of Raffety Buckland in High Wycombe. "We can't even say the river is minutes away because people walk at different speeds."

● *Problems once again for England's cricket selectors. Seemingly unable to field a single candidate yesterday worthy of the title Cricketer of the Year, the sponsors Cornhill Insurance celebrated the opening day of the 1993 season by opting for two: Chris Lewis, the all rounder, and Alec Stewart, the vice-captain. As team manager Keith Fletcher, said: "In the true manner of the selectors, they have again fudged the issue." Doesn't bode well for the Ashes.*

Biting back

THEY say revenge is a dish best eaten cold. When Malcolm Rifkind derided Baroness Thatcher's comments as "emotional nonsense" there was a distinct sound of old scores being settled.

Mr Rifkind has never forgiven his former boss for the humiliation he suffered in the 1990 Budget when concessions were announced to ease the introduction of the poll tax. The changes, welcomed by cheering English Tory MPs, enraged Scottish MPs as they were not being made retrospective to compensate for the introduction of the tax in Scotland 12 months earlier.

In the row that followed it emerged that Mr Rifkind had not been consulted about the changes. Reports circulated that he had threatened to resign unless similar concessions were made in Scotland. The government backed down and Lady Thatcher was forced to defend Mr Rifkind in the Commons. "He is the best Scottish Secretary Scotland has ever had," she said. What does she make of him as defence secretary?

● *PROPERTY agents are already dining out on stories about Jacques Attali and his lavishly housed European Bank for Reconstruction and Development. Among them: tales of the headquarters that got away, Embankment Place, the Terry Farrell-designed riverside building near Trafalgar Square. Negotiations apparently broke down over an Attali demand for a personal glass-walled lift running up the outside of the building. It would have run direct to his presidential suite on the top floor — neatly avoiding his auditors.*

A three-decker from the old team



Will there be room at the bookshop for Terry Waite? A reprint is already planned for McCarthy and Morrell's *Some Other Rainbow*, launched this week; Brian Keenan's haunting tale from Beirut, *An Evil Cradling*, is already a critical success; so can there be anything left in the pot for Waite's version of events, to be published in September?

Lord Runcie, Waite's erstwhile employer, believes so. "They are all bound to be very different books; Terry's will have more religious and political analysis," he says.

Waite was in confident mood too. "Last does not mean least," he says. "There's an old proverb about how well a bottle of wine matures if it is left to rest for a while."

McCarthy has nevertheless influenced Waite, by providing him with a title. "It was in our last year in captivity; we were all talking about the books we would write, and I said Terry's would have to be called *Taken on Trust*."

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TAKING BOSNIA SERIOUSLY

There is no longer room for a policy of evasion

Margaret Thatcher's indictment of the jumble of expedients that has passed for Western policy on Bosnia has embarrassed ministers, and with reason. Her shame at the West's failure to stop the carnage is widely shared. Her contention that this region is within Europe's sphere of influence and "should be within Europe's sphere of conscience" cannot be dismissed, as it was in Malcolm Rifkind's cheap rejoinder, as "emotional nonsense". Her insistence that "we cannot go on with this policy" may have little in common with the realism of Douglas Hurd, but it has much in common with reality on the ground.

The government may protest that it is not, as she accuses, "standing idly by". But Bosnians are paying a terrible price for Europe's vacillation more than a year ago, when preventive action could have stopped the fighting from breaking out. Baroness Thatcher's diagnosis is of moral cowardice and lack of strategic acumen since that time. Her argument is that force must be met with force. It exposes raw nerves, because this is precisely the argument that the British government has, for many months, employed all its skills to avoid confronting.

The mismatch between the government's proclaimed determination to stand firm against aggression by Bosnia's Serbs and their backers in Belgrade, and the means Europe and America are prepared to employ becomes daily more evident. The evidence is recorded in civilian blood. It takes no exceptional strategic genius to see that the combination of humanitarian aid, diplomatic mediation, intermittent ceasefires and tightening economic sanctions against Serbia is not achieving the West's ends.

Serbia's leader, Slobodan Milosevic, publicly said as much recently, adding that Serbs were "encouraged" by America's reluctance to use force. Last week, President Clinton admitted his fear that more of the same policies would mean a Bosnian Serb victory. So much was also implied by Lord Owen earlier this month, when he called for "specific and carefully judged military action" to give teeth to diplomacy. Without that, the prospects for the Vance-Owen settlement — which Britain and its European allies continue to insist is the keystone of their policy — are close to nonexistent.

As Mr Rifkind made clear in the Commons yesterday, the government's prescription remains the mix as before, "thankless and frustrating as it is". There was no trace of forward planning, even with respect to the Vance-Owen settlement. Questioned directly about Nato's state of readiness, should the Bosnian Serbs sign and Nato's pledge to police the settlement be called in, he avoided a direct answer.

Ministers still hope for a middle way. But half-measures have led to muddle. The choice is increasingly between abandoning Bosnia to continued conflict and using Western power to project stability beyond the Nato area even if this means the deployment of Nato force. Anything that is tried now will be much harder than the same measures taken earlier. It is all the more urgent, then, to think the choices through clearly. Short of committing Nato ground troops even without a peace settlement, Baroness Thatcher sees two. The West must either lift the arms embargo against the Bosnian government forces, allowing the Muslims to defend themselves; or give the Serbs an ultimatum, backed by the threat of air power against their artillery and supply lines, to sign and implement the Vance-Owen plan.

Warning that it would only create a "level killing field" Douglas Hurd has flatly rejected the first option. Lady Thatcher views this with contempt, as a policy justified by "a terrible and disgraceful phrase" for leaving people defenceless under attack. But such a decision, which the Clinton administration may take even against British opposition, would have to guard against the most likely immediate consequence: the mobilisation of the JNA, the former Yugoslav federal armed forces, alongside the Bosnian Serbs in an all-out assault on the remaining Muslim-held lands. Dropping the embargo would make sense only alongside a dramatic escalation of the West's military commitment, probably including a threat to use air power against JNA forces and bases in Serbia. Russia and the West have no interest in finding themselves seriously at odds, and the West's silence about Croatia's landgrab in Herzegovina has already done much to convince Moscow nationalists of its anti-Serb bias.

If Europe wants to avoid this, it must take early decisions on the second option, an ultimatum to the Serbs while life still flickers in the Vance-Owen plan. But that too would imply both a willingness to use air power in the event of Serb noncompliance; and, in the event of success, a readiness to position 50,000 or more Nato troops in Bosnia speedily. Contrast this with the repeated deferral of a UN decision on tougher sanctions, and the refusal of Britain and the rest of the European Community to contemplate going beyond economic sanctions even while admitting that they are unlikely to work "on their own".

There is a third option: to stick to the course mapped out yesterday in Parliament. But the government should be honest about its implications. Srebrenica could fall tomorrow or next week, other Muslim towns later. The only form of humanitarian aid that makes sense in the face of Serb conquest is wholesale evacuation of the Muslim population from these towns and, unless the West is prepared to put these areas under effective UN protection as safe havens, from much of Bosnia a few months later. Quite aside from the responsibility for conniving in "ethnic cleansing" that would then be laid at the outside world's door, there is no trace of evidence that Britain has considered its response to a refugee crisis of such proportions, or what welcome it would extend to its victims in this country.

The difficulty of the choices is a direct consequence of failing to confront Serb dreams of territorial aggrandisement earlier. Although delay has lengthened perilously the odds for the Vance-Owen plan, Lord Owen's plea for "carefully judged military action" in its support deserves an urgent response. The significance of Lady Thatcher's intervention may lie not so much in her specific proposals as in the challenge it presents to Western governments to come up at last with a serious Balkan policy.

CLASSROOM DISCIPLINE

John Patten must bring the nation's schools to order

The dispute between the teaching unions and the government over this summer's national curriculum tests for seven, 11 and 14-year-olds has developed into an alarming crisis of authority in British education. Parents and pupils facing a likely boycott of the examinations by three-quarters of the nation's teachers have been forced to ask who determines what is taught and tested in their schools: the elected government or the annual seaside conferences of the three major teaching unions. John Patten, the education secretary, owes them an answer.

In the past week, the teaching unions have flexed their muscles with a confidence unseen in the public sector since the miners' strike. They well understood that a quiet Easter weekend was just the time to launch a noisy public offensive against struggling education ministers. Cheered by the High Court's ruling that teachers had no statutory duty to test children, the National Union of Teachers, National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers, and the Association of Teachers and Lecturers have all stepped closer to a total boycott of the examinations. Unless the High Court's ruling is overturned on appeal, thousands of children will be denied national curriculum qualifications this summer.

A year ago such unity of purpose would have been unthinkable. But the unions have been driven together by Mr Patten's disinclination to meet their leaders and by the mismanagement of the national curriculum. The bungled pilot tests for this summer's compulsory English tests for 14-year-olds triggered a row which has suddenly grown into a battle for control of the classroom.

Mr Patten's review of the national curriculum, to be carried out by the new Schools Curriculum and Assessment Authority (SCAA), should be welcomed wholeheartedly and ought to yield a reduced syllabus which concentrates on the essentials and squanders less teaching time on paperwork. But the enquiry is unlikely to satisfy the unions, whose opposition to the tests remains hopelessly muddled. On the one hand, they complain reasonably enough of the excessive workload which the reckless expansion of the curriculum has imposed on teachers. On the other, they resist pencil-and-paper examinations on ideological grounds in favour of time-consuming classroom assessments carried out by teachers themselves. It is hard to see how SCAA's review can meet both objections.

Scenting an unexpected victory, some teachers are prepared to go much further than a boycott of testing. The NUT also plans to disrupt compulsory teacher appraisal, while the NAS/UWT maintains its hostility to performance-related pay, league tables and school performance indicators. Teachers want to be better paid and to be held in higher esteem. Yet they refuse to submit to many of the disciplines which distinguish a profession from a trade, preferring the rhetoric of industrial war.

In the long term, education needs a new forum in which policy can be discussed away from this stultifying atmosphere of mutual recrimination. Before that, however, the education secretary must restore his own authority and that of the law. Unless the High Court overturns its earlier decision on appeal, this summer's tests are bound to be disrupted. That is deeply regrettable. But it is no ground to suspend the examinations, the results of which will still benefit those pupils who are allowed to take them, and assist SCAA's review of the national curriculum. Meanwhile, heads and governors must be reminded by the education department that their legal responsibility to implement the tests has not been reduced by the teachers' decision to boycott.

Nonetheless, the government's classroom reforms still look vulnerable to sabotage. Mr Patten may have to amend the 1988 Education Reform Act to give teachers a statutory duty to test their pupils. If the disruption continues, he will be right to consider farming the tests out to external examiners, modelling national curriculum examinations on GCSE or A levels. Reducing teachers' role in the curriculum so radically would be an expensive, drastic and deeply contentious step, but one which Mr Patten can no longer afford to rule out. Faced with a blatant challenge to the office he holds, he must now bring order to his own troubled classroom.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Anglican explorers on rock-strewn road to Rome

From the Reverend Kenneth Leech

Sir, Your editorial, "Road to Rome" (April 9), speaks of "the failure of the minority Anglo-Catholic movement within the Anglican Church" and of the "final waning of the Oxford Movement", while a report on the same day, "Bishops draw up guide for transfer", refers to "the few traditionalist clergy expected to remain". I believe both statements are seriously mistaken.

The Oxford Movement, and "Anglo-Catholicism" which followed from it, was a rich and diverse movement, concerned with the spiritual autonomy of the Church, with the recovery of sacramental life, of Catholic worship and spirituality, and with the social dimensions of the faith. In some of these areas it has succeeded way beyond its wildest expectations, so that much of what it fought for is now commonplace in the Christian world.

In other respects, there is much still to be done, and the movement has entered a new phase. Indeed, the fact that women want to be Catholic priests at all may well be one of the (no doubt unintended) fruits of the Oxford Movement.

Not all Anglo-Catholics are opposed to the ordination of women. On the contrary, many of them, in Britain and elsewhere, have accepted such ordination joyfully. Many women priests are Anglo-Catholics and have contributed greatly to Catholic theology, life, spirituality and social action.

By contrast, many of those whom the media have misleadingly called "traditionalists" have a very narrow understanding of the tradition in its richness and complexity but cling to the conventions of several decades past. The tradition is more living and dynamic than they realise.

To speak of "the few traditionalist clergy" who will remain is utterly wrong. Most will remain, seeing this decision not as a break with Catholic order but as an opening-up of the sacrament to half of the human race, a liberating decision which no doubt Rome will follow before too long.

Yours sincerely,
KENNETH LEECH,
St Botolph's Crypt Centre,
Aldgate, EC3.
April 9.

From Mrs Peter Thwaites

Sir, The proposal that those vicars who object to the ordination of women should suddenly become Catholic priests is as startling as it is disturbing.

Are we now to believe that the only difference between the two religions is the matter of women priests? Have 500 years of convoluted disagreement been reduced to controversy over a 20th-century innovation?

Instead of discussing, or even considering, the "conversion of England", both Catholic and Protestant clergy should be spending time and effort on a more determined route to ecumenism. This would involve consideration of the shortfalls in both religions. There are many, most of them centred on the responsibilities of family life.

How many Catholics observe the rule on contraception? How many have eschewed Communion after divorce, and now to what end? Should priests not be permitted to marry, to have their lives properly organised, their time freed to their ministry?

I suspect women priests might well provide the much needed catalyst to introduce contemporary realism into these medieval institutions.

However, that in itself does not justify the abrupt integration of Anglican vicars (some married) with the presently celibate Catholic clergy. Many Catholics will see these "conversions" as a Pyrrhic victory, if victory it is.

Yours sincerely,
JACQUELINE THWAITES,
The Manor House,
Ayot St Lawrence,
Welwyn, Hertfordshire.
April 12.

From Mr I. A. Shapiro

Sir, A non-Christian, but with some knowledge of Anglicanism and its differences with Catholicism since the days of Elizabeth I, I am astonished by some of the statements from Anglican priests about to convert to Catholicism over the ordination of women.

Serious doctrinal differences which these priests hitherto defended, on Purgatory, Mariolatry and other matters, appear now of no significance to them. Were these priests genuine believers in the doctrines they professed hitherto, or primarily upholders of a social attitude?

Yours etc,
I. A. SHAPIRO,
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Selly Park, Birmingham 29.
April 10.

From Mr and Mrs Brian Singleton

Sir, We hope that someone tells those Anglicans who object to the ordination of women, and who now propose to join the Catholic Church, that there are many ordinary Catholics, like us, who pray for the ordination of women in the Catholic Church. There will be no universal welcome awaiting those who regard women as a sub-species of God's mankind.

Yours faithfully,
BRIAN SINGLETON,
ARLETTE SINGLETON,
17 Manor Walk, Weybridge, Surrey.
April 9.

From Abbot Basil Matthews of Elmore

Sir, Those of us present on April 7 in Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, who heard the Bishop of Oxford preach on the subject of the ordination of women were astonished to read your report of April 8 that he regards the "loss of the Anglo-Catholic tradition to Rome" as "very sad". The truth is that that tradition is alive and well and will continue in the Church of England.

We are all, of course, deeply saddened that some cannot accept that our Church has the authority to make the kind of decision claimed by the Synod last November. But I believe that all concerned and loving pastors will welcome the hospitality being offered to "defectors" by the Roman Catholic Church.

I am sure that the ecumenical process is still on the rails and that obstacles to it, if obstacles there are, are not confined to the Church of England. Those now considering "defection" will quickly discover this.

Yours sincerely,
BASIL MATTHEWS,
Elmore Abbey,
Church Lane, Speen,
Newbury, Berkshire.
April 8.

From Mrs S. A. Fox

Sir, How sad that the words "defect", "rebel" and "antagonist", each with its pejorative overtone, should be used in reporting the Anglican dilemma regarding women priests. Anyone who saw the November debate on TV must have been impressed by the sincerity with which arguments on both sides were delivered.

Anglicans who decide to seek Communion with Rome must have agonised before making up their minds. I hate to see their sufferings unappreciated; and, as a Catholic, I resent the suggestion, implied in the word "defect", that they are deserting their own Church for something inferior.

Yours faithfully,
YVONNE P. ALLEN FOX,
Castle Cottage,
Stratford-sub-castle,
Salisbury, Wiltshire.
April 9.

From Mr John de Bono

Sir, Will the Church of England be taking steps to accommodate Roman Catholic supporters of the ordination of women?

Yours faithfully,
JOHN de BONO,
Cherry Trees, 75 Station Road,
Cropston, Leicestershire.
April 9.

Coal pensioners' fears for funds

From the General Secretary of the British Association of Colliery Management

Sir, Mr Neil Clarke, chairman of British Coal, suggests (letter, April 8) that members and pensioners of the British Coal Staff Superannuation Scheme should not "worry unnecessarily" about British Coal's proposal to take £500 million out of the scheme, because "no final decision" has been taken.

However, members and pensioners are perfectly justified in worrying about what that final decision will be. Consider the following points:

1. The BCSSS trustees, who include four British Coal nominees, have unanimously recommended that BC's existing "holiday" from the employer's normal contributions to the staff pension fund be extended for what is effectively an indefinite period. Is this not good enough for British Coal?

2. The contributions which BC now wishes to terminate relate to the cost of paying pensions early to people made redundant. This forms an integral part of a *redundancy* package, not of a *superannuation* scheme, and BC reclaims these contributions from the government as social costs.

The ultimate financial beneficiary of the corporation's manoeuvre will be the Treasury, not British Coal. BC is not acting independently of the government; indeed, the government has indemnified BC against any adverse legal consequences of its move.

3. The specific payments which BC is currently withholding from the scheme relate to staff made redundant prior to April 1992. They are acknowledged as a debt in the corporation's audited accounts, and are included as BCSSS assets in its latest actuarial valuation.

Mr Clarke's reference to BC's offer of an interest-free loan to the scheme to avoid any cashflow embarrassment is somewhat of a cheek — it is, after all, the scheme's own money! — and the terms of the loan are such that it has been rejected.

4. British Coal may well be seeking direction from the High Court as to the legality of its action. But it decided to do so after having been clearly informed that the BCSSS trustees would take legal action to recover the moneys owed to the scheme.

The trustees (who include BC's finance director) have been legally advised that such action would be successful and that they are duty-bound to pursue it with the utmost vigour.

5. British Coal has not accepted the trustees' unanimous recommendations for benefit improvements for contributors and pensioners, utilising their share, even though there is no doubt that the beneficiaries are entitled to 50 per cent of the surplus.

6. Is it not immoral for British Coal — or, rather, the government standing behind it — to announce one week that half the UK coal industry is to be closed down, and then a week later to seek to pay the consequential redundancy costs out of the members' own pension scheme — in effect, asking us to pay for our own execution bullets?

7. While pensioners' incomes are not under immediate threat, there is no way that removal of £481 million from their pension scheme can be in their longer-term interests. Have they not every right to be angry and upset?

Yours faithfully,
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April 8.

Aid to Russia

From Group Captain P. W. Johnson

Sir, The cogent articles by Roger Boyes and Robert Crampton (April 6) highlight the sense of shame, even of degradation, felt in Russia at the necessity of begging for and accepting the charity of the West.

The United States, and to a lesser degree Western Europe, are acting on Russia's need, but no one should expect that this help in itself will ensure that Russia becomes and remains a friend to the West or to democracy.

In February's issue of *Nato Review* the Russian foreign minister, Andrei Kozyrev, found "something symbolic" in being asked to contribute to a Nato publication. The nub of his interesting article is the statement that

in the near future the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe will have to transform itself from a forum for political dialogue into an organisation guaranteeing security, stability and the development of co-operation in the European space.

If the West moved visibly towards this vision through action in the CSCE it would do as much to revive faith in democracy and in the West as billions of financial aid.

That such action would add substantially to our problems is undeniable. But the good will and world confidence generated would amply compensate.

Yours faithfully,
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Guildford, Surrey.
April 7.

Wings of change?

From Dr W. R. P. Bourne

Sir, The British Ornithologists' Union's annual meeting in Sunderland on April 17 is to discuss a proposal to change many familiar British bird names (report, March 29).

This proposal, which originated in America, was only put forward by a BOU subcommittee in the face of a resolution at its annual meeting for 1989 that it should desist.

The recent conference of bird recorders, which you report, went on to resolve by a large majority, in the face of attempts to prevent a vote on March 28, that the proposal should be reconsidered.

Yours faithfully,
W. R. P. BOURNE,
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April 13.

Tomsk accident

From Mr Richard Le Coyte

Sir, One of the questions raised by the accident at the Tomsk nuclear reprocessing plant (report, April 8) is why Russia continues to produce plutonium despite the growing concerns over the world's plutonium stockpile which is threatening global security.

In February this year Greenpeace met Nikolai Yegerov, the deputy director of the Russian Atomic Ministry (Minatom), who revealed that one of the primary forces behind Russian reprocessing was the continuing commitment to the technology in the UK and France.

In other words, if the UK and France no longer considered that reprocessing was necessary, then Russia would also be forced to reassess its continuation.

It would appear that the UK could play a unique role in preventing further plutonium separation in Russia by announcing the immediate cancellation of the Thorp reprocessing plant at Sellafield.

To operate Thorp will not only add to the 44 tonnes of plutonium already stockpiled at Sellafield, it will exacerbate the global plutonium problem by encouraging other states to continue with this inherently dangerous and needless process.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD LE COYTE
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Exploited patients

From Mr R. K. Brian

Sir, Experienced psychotherapists know that, despite recent claims to the contrary (report, April 5), there is no reason to believe that sexual exploitation of patients is new, nor that it is a "growing problem", nor that it is related to statutory registration or lack of it.

For example, 25 years ago I was consulted by two women former patients of a physician who, they said, used "laughing gas" to incapacitate them, then intimately molested them. Being a registered medical practitioner did not stop the "Harley Street mauler". He was never brought to book.

Nor are the exploiters always male. A young man told me he was devastated by his woman psychologist at a well-known NHS clinic starting a sexual relationship with him.

Of course, leading questions can seem to reveal a national epidemic of sexual exploitation of patients.

There have always been some people who, given the opportunity, abuse any position of power, whether as physician, psychotherapist, soldier, teacher, parent or whatever.

However, physical or emotional damage to patients through defective treatment, often commonly accepted treatment, is a much more widespread problem than sexual abuse. To be reasonably effective, any system of registration of practitioners must require adequate standards of competence and ethics, and routine follow-ups of long-term effects on the whole person.

Statutory registration is unlikely to be designed and administered to protect the public, as this would result in so many practitioners getting struck off. Patients are better protected by laws of contract and of assault. In psychotherapy, the voluntary Register of Psychotherapists has proved effective but most people in practice as psychotherapists are not qualified for inclusion.

Yours faithfully,
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Image of the EC

From Mr Bruno Dethomas

Sir, Your diarist (April 7), who criticises the EC's communications policy merely because he says the public could not obtain copies of a new report aiming to improve that policy, cannot have looked very far.

Four hundred and seventy copies were immediately distributed to the press in English, French and German when it was launched on March 31, and many more can be obtained on request from the Commission in Brussels, London and elsewhere.

More seriously, your diarist calls this independent document "Jacques Delors' plan". It is no such thing. Jacques Delors and the Commission as a whole are not committed to it.

M Delors *is* committed to making the Community more transparent, and that is why the Commission has made no attempt to hide this document.

Yours truly,
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Out of the limelight

From Mrs Judy Hanmer

Sir, I found Tim Walker's article on Norma Major ("The sad wife John Major left behind", April 8) unpleasant and intrusive. Why should the wives of public figures be forced to sit through boring banquets and put up with snide remarks about their clothes?

Taking a break from the limelight sounds like the action of a sensible woman, not the cop-out that was implied.

Yours faithfully,
JUDY HANMER,
The Old Granary,
Great Wilbraham, Cambridge.
April 8.

Defensive driving

From Mr C. J. Warner

Sir, Does the current fashion of adorning modern Jeep-type vehicles with sufficient metal tubing to act as a battering ram betray a sense of inadequacy on the part of the drivers, or do their insurance companies demand it?

Yours faithfully,
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WINDSOR CASTLE
April 14: The Right Honourable Christopher Patten (Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Hong Kong) was received in audience by The Queen.

Her Majesty and The Duke of Edinburgh gave a dinner party at which Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother and The Duke of York were present.

The following were invited:
His Excellency the High Commissioner for the Eastern Caribbean States and Mrs Gunn, the Bishop of Chelmsford (Clerk of the Closet) and Mrs Waine, the Rt Hon John Smith (Leader of the Opposition) and Mrs Smith, the Rt Hon Sir Richard Luce and Lady Luce, Mr and Mrs Eric Anderson, Mr and Mrs Paul Condon, Dr Ann Robinson and Professor Michael Robinson and Lieutenant-Colonel Robin Hodges and Mrs Hodges.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
April 14: The Princess Royal, Patron, Geographical Association's Centenary Celebrations 1993, this morning opened the Centenary Annual Conference, Sheffield University, Sheffield, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for South Yorkshire (Lieutenant-Colonel Hugh Neill). Her Royal Highness, Patron, the Home Farm Trust, this afternoon visited the Fairthorn Scheme, 239-241 Cemetery Road, Sheffield.

YORK HOUSE
April 14: The Duke of Kent this morning opened a new factory at Lucas EUI Systems, Brunel Way, Stonehouse and was met on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Gloucestershire (Mr Henry Elwes).

His Royal Highness this afternoon visited the South East Cotswolds Education Business Partnership at Brann Direct Marketing Limited, Phoenix Way, Cirencester and opened extensions to the Gloucestershire Old People's Housing Society, Watermoor House, Watermoor Road, Cirencester, Gloucestershire.

Captain the Honourable Tom Coke was in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
April 14: Princess Alexandra this afternoon visited Dumfries and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Dumfries and Galloway (Captain Ronald Cunningham-Jardine).

Her Royal Highness opened Nithsdale Mills Sheltered Housing for Loreburn Housing Association at St Michael's Street, Dumfries.

Subsequently Princess Alexandra attended a ceremony to mark the Incorporation of Dumfries and Galloway College of Technology at Heathhall, Dumfries.

The Lady Mary Mumford was in attendance.

JULIAN HERBERT



West Green House, the National Trust property damaged in an IRA bomb attack nearly three years ago, is to be put on the market after £750,000 of restoration work (Louise Hidalgo writes).

The intended victim of the blast in June 1990 was Lord McAlpine of West Green, who had recently retired as treasurer of the Conservative party and who until three weeks previously had lived at the house. The grade II listed building, seen here from the rear, lies in 69 acres of parkland in the Hampshire countryside near the village of Hartley Wintney. It was so badly damaged by the blast that there were fears it might have to be pulled down. The force of the explosion had blown a hole 5ft wide at the foot of an exterior wall and sent scorch marks 15ft up the brickwork. Fireplaces in the front of the house had been displaced and the 18th-century panelling, doors and windows destroyed.

The National Trust, which had been planning to continue restoration work, find a new tenant and reopen the house to the public when the IRA struck, decided to press ahead regardless. The house, which has ten bedrooms, was re-roofed and rewired, the rudimentary heating system modernised, new plumbing installed and the bomb damage repaired.

West Green was given to the National Trust by Sir Victor Sassoon in 1957. From 1973 until early 1990, it was occupied on a full repairing lease by Lord McAlpine who made improvements to the garden. The 18th century building has an obscure history but is thought to have been constructed by General Hawley, who served under the Duke of Cumberland. Knight Frank & Rutley, the estate agents handling the sale, are seeking offers for a 99-year lease of over £700,000.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr P.J. Banks and Miss A.F.M. Mavor
The engagement is announced between Peter, elder son of Mr and Mrs John Banks, of Heathfield, East Sussex, and Anna, younger daughter of Major A.P. Mavor, RE retd, and Mrs Mavor, of Great Bardfield, Essex.

Mr S.J. Cloney and Miss E.C.M. Dowler
The engagement is announced between Simon John, son of Mr and Mrs E.J. Cloney, of Neutral Bay, Sydney, Australia, and Emily Catherine Mackenzie, daughter of Mr R.M. Dowler, of Buxton, Derbyshire, and Mrs C. Chalker, of Highgate London.

Mr J.E.H. Farquharson and Miss E.M. Pope
The engagement is announced between James, eldest son of Sir Donald and Lady Farquharson, of Bures, Suffolk, and Emma, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Christopher Pope, of Dorchester, Dorset.

Captain M.G. Hinde and Miss C.M. Jeans
The engagement is announced between Captain Marcus Hinde, The Green Howards, son of Mr and Mrs Peter Hinde, of Iver, Buckinghamshire and Cyntra, daughter of Mr Paul Jeans, of Lamberhurst, Kent, and Mrs Joanna Ryles, of Rugby, Warwickshire.

Mr J.P. Hornby and Miss M.C. Mitchell
The engagement is announced between Jonathan, younger son of Sir Derek and Lady Hornby, of Idlicote, Warwickshire, and Melanie, only daughter of Mrs Stella Mitchell and the late Mr Patrick Mitchell, of Worthing, West Sussex.

Mr B.A.C. Mayhew and Miss C.J.G. Farrer
The engagement is announced between Charles, son of Mr and Mrs Brian Mayhew, of Hartfield, East Sussex and Caroline, daughter of Mr William Farrer and the late Mrs Hope Farrer, of Fernhurst, West Sussex.

Mr C.V. Ramirez Lozano and Miss M.I. Webster
The engagement is announced between Carlos, son of Dr and Mrs C.A. Ramirez, of Santafé de Bogotá, Colombia, and Maria Isabel, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.D. Webster, of Haslemere, Surrey.

Mr D.C-A. Scott and Miss A.J. Burnside
The engagement is announced between David Childe-Anthony, only son of Mrs Avril Scott, of Kensington, London, and Mr Brandon Scott, of Sydney, NSW, and Alison Jane, only daughter of Mr R.E. Burnside, MRCVS, and Mrs Burnside, of Walsall, West Midlands.

Mr M.J. Shorthouse and Miss H.F. King
The engagement is announced between Michael, eldest son of Mr and Mrs J. Shorthouse of the Dordogne, France, and Helen, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs G. King, of Oxford.

Dr D.C. Wallbridge and Dr G.K. Litman
The wedding of Dr David Christopher Wallbridge, of Wembley Park, Middlesex, and Dr Gloria Klein Litman, of Kensington, London, will take place on May 1, 1993, at Chelsea Town Hall.

Mr C.W. Whatmore and Miss K.I. Barker-Hahlo
The engagement is announced between Colin Walter, youngest son of Mr and Mrs J.P. Whatmore, of Forbes, NSW, Australia, and Kirstie, daughter of the late Mr Derek Barker-Hahlo and of Mrs John Christian, of South Tawton, Devon.

Mr T.P. Woodward and Miss H.A. Stow
The engagement is announced between Timothy Phillip, elder son of Major and Mrs N.P.H. Woodward, of Healaugh, North Yorkshire, and Henrietta Anne, twin daughter of Mr and Mrs Adrian Stow, of Betchworth, Surrey.

Today's royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh, as Patron of the Eton Football Club, will attend the centenary reception at the Princess Margaret Royal Free School, Windsor, at 6.45.

The Princess of Wales will visit the Imperial Cancer Research Fund, 44 Lincoln's Inn Fields, at 11.15; and, as Patron of Relate, will attend the film premiere of *Accidental Hero* at the Odeon West End at 7.15 in aid of Mencap.

The Princess Royal will attend the men's overall finals of the 1993 World Gymnastics championships at the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham, at 6.30.

The Duchess of Kent, as Patron of the Yorkshire County Cricket Club, will attend a pre-season luncheon at Leeds United Football Club, Elland Road, at noon; and will open the new day surgery and treatment unit at York District Hospital, Wigginton Road, at 2.40.

Princess Alexandra will attend a performance by the Medici String Quartet at Stationers' Hall at 7.25 in aid of the Kingston Hospital scanner appeal.

School news

Bromsgrove School
School convenes today at Bromsgrove for the Summer Term. The Summer Concert will be held on May 20, and the Tercentenary Gala Ball on May 29. Commemoration Day is on Saturday, July 3, when the Sir Thomas Cookes Sermon at the Commemoration Service will be preached by the Bishop of Worcester, the Right Rev Phillip Goodrich, and the guest speaker at the Prize Giving will be Richard Smethurst, Provost of Worcester College, Oxford.

Dean Close School
The Trinity Term begins today. Benjamin Hyde is Captain of Cricket. Prize Giving and Commemoration will be on May 29, when the Guest of Honour will be Professor Ghillean Prance, Director of Kew Gardens. The School Play is *The Lady from Maxim's* (Feydeau). The School will be visited on June 16, by the Choir of the College of William & Mary, Williamsburg. They will sing in the New Theatre as part of their 300th Anniversary Celebrations. The Farewell Ceremony for Leavers will be held on June 25 and term ends on July 2.

Dinner

Upholders' Company
The Worshipful Company of Upholders held their annual installation dinner at the Goldsmiths' Hall on Wednesday, April 14, 1993. The new officers were: Master, Joseph C.F.B. Byllam-Barnes; Senior Warden, William A. Garnett; Junior Warden, Hugh E. Taylor. The dinner was attended by:

Dr D.T.D. Hughes, BM, BCh, FRCP, Master of the Apothecaries' Society, Mr F.J. Mallion, MBE, Master of the Butchers' Company, Mr P.A. Chalk, Master of the Drapers' Company, Mr R.D.M. Jordan, Master of the Plaisterers' Company, Lieutenant Colonel F.W.S. Boult, TD, Master of the Tallow Chandlers' Company and Mr B.H. Jefferson, Master of the Woolmen's Company.

Speeches were given by Sir Colin Cole, KCB, KCVO, TD, BCL, MA, CC, and the Right Hon The Lord Finsberg, MBE, JP.

Birthdays today

Lord Archer of Weston-super-Mare, 53; Dame Jocelyn Barrow, deputy chairman, Broadcasting Standards Council, 64; Sir Kenneth Bloomfield, civil servant, 62; Group Captain David Bolton, director, Royal United Services Institute for Defence Studies, 61; Sir Adrian Cadbury, former chairman, Cadbury Schweppes, 64; Miss Claudia Cardinale, actress, 55; Sir Richard Evans, diplomat, 65; Lord Geraint, 68; Lord Grey of Naunton, 83; Sir Neville Marriner, conductor, 69; Professor C.D. Marsden, neurologist, 55; Sir Peter Menzies, former chairman, Electricity Council, 81; Mr A.J.P. Ross, chairman, Joint Consultants Committee, 58; Earl Russell, 56; Sir Maurice Shock, rector, Lincoln College, Oxford, 67; Sir Leslie Smith, former chairman, BOC Group, 74; Mr G.H. Stafford, former master, St Cross College, Oxford, 73; Miss Emma Thompson, actress, 34; Miss Meriol Trevor, author, 74; Dr Richard von Weizsäcker, President of Germany, 73; Dame Susan Walker, former vice-chairman, WRVS, 87; Sir Douglas Wass, civil servant, 70.

Luncheon

The Continuing Professional Development Foundation
Mr Jonathan Harris, President of The Continuing Professional Development Foundation, was host at a Luncheon held yesterday at 6 Carlos Place. The guests included:

Sir Robert Gerken, Sir Jack Hughes, Mr Matthew Carrington, MP, Mr Michael Cassidy, Miss Vanessa Houlder, Mr Michael Pattison and members of the Foundation's Council.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Leonhard Euler, mathematician and physicist, Basel, 1707; Henry James, writer, New York, 1843; Stanley Bruce, 1st Viscount Bruce of Melbourne, prime minister of Australia 1923-29, Melbourne, 1883; Bessie Smith, the "empress of the blues", Chattanooga, Tennessee, 1894.

DEATHS: Abraham Lincoln, 16th American president 1861-65, assassinated at Ford's Theatre, Washington, 1865; Matthew Arnold, poet and critic, Liverpool, 1888; John Singer Sargent, portrait painter, London, 1925; Jean-Paul Sartre, existentialist, Paris, 1980; Sir William Empson, critic, London, 1984; Greta Garbo, actress, New York, 1990.

Sir James Barrie donated copyright fees for *Peter Pan* to the Great Ormond Street Hospital for Sick Children, London, 1925.

Memorial service

Mr Bernard Braden
A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Mr Bernard Braden was held yesterday at St Paul's, Covent Garden. Canon Roger Royle officiated, assisted by Canon Bill Hall, and read the bidding prayer with Mr Ned Sherrin. Mr Christopher Braden, son, read extracts from his father's diaries.

Mr James Burke, Mr Peter Cook, Mr Barry Cryer, Mr Brian Tesler, Mr Bernard Levin and Mrs Kim Braden Collins, daughter, gave addresses. Miss Anita Harris sang "When the World was Young", Mr Kenny Clayton, piano, played "Violets for your Furs" and "Yesterdays" and a recording was played of Mr Braden reading G.K. Chesterton's "The Donkey". Among others present were:

Mrs Barbara Kelly Braden (widow), Miss Kelly Braden (daughter) and Mr Sandy Smith (grandson); Sir Michael Neubert, MP, Sir Clement Freud, Sir Peter Saunders, Mr Sheridan Morley, Mr Jack Hedley, Mr Steve Race, Mr Raymond Baxter, Mr Cliff Michelmore, Mr Leonard Miall, Ms Libby Morris, Mr Larry Adler, Mr Jack Bentley and Miss Wendy Craig, Mr Robert Dougall, Mr David Jacobs, Mr Keith Waterhouse, Mr Shaw Taylor, Mrs Gillian Reynolds.

Mr Richard Ingrams, Mr Ray Galton, Mr Alan Simpson, Mr Teddy Johnson and Miss Pearl Carr, Mr Willie Rushton, Miss Molly Weir, Mr and Mrs Peter Noble, Mrs Leslie Mitchell, Mrs David Nixon, Mr Mike Margolis, Miss Gill Best, Mrs Avril Norden, Mr Nat Temple, Mr Ian McCaskill, Mrs Norma Farnes, Mr R Harwood, Mr and Mrs Victor Ross, Mr Henry James, Mrs Edwina Currie, MP, Mr George Hoare (Theatre Royal Drury Lane), Mr Ray Sephton with Ms Anne Suter (Gallery First Nighters), Mr Mick Gould (Autocue) and Mr Gregory Stafford (Sheridan solicitors).

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ATKINSON-DALZIEL - On 16th March to Kate Dalziel and John Atkinson a beautiful son, Patrick Rupert Douglas. Our thanks to Hinchingbrooke Hospital, Huntingdon.

BARROW - On 9th April to Helen (née Carter) and Andrew, a son, Joshua Barnaby, a brother for Charles, Freddie and Clementine.

BEART - On 13th April, to Susie (née Bradshaw) and Simon, a son, James.

BIRLEY - On April 12th, at The Matilda Hospital, Hong Kong, to Bongo (née Blewett) and Michael, a daughter Frederica Elizabeth.

BRADFIELD STOWELL - Philip and Marian are delighted to announce the birth of their son, on April 14th 1993, in Brisbane, a half brother for Meghan and Laura.

BURGESS - On Easter Day, to Clarissa and Nigel, a son, a brother for Charlotte.

COOPER - On 8th April in Toronto, to Lisa (née Cohen) and Anthony, a son, Ernest Alexander Lacaud, a brother for Andrew.

de FRAINE - On Easter Monday, to Jane (née Minchin) and Colin, a daughter, Victoria Jane, a sister for James.

FRANCKLIN - On April 12th 1993, to Celina and William, a daughter, a sister for Henry and Clementine.

FRENZEL - On April 12th 1993, to Paula (née Wallace) and Christian, a son, Tomas George.

HARLING - On March 4th at The Cambridge Military Hospital, to Beverley (née Kersting) and Nicolus, a daughter, Rebecca Alexandra.

HARWOOD - On April 8th 1993 at St George's, London, to Catherine (née Hewett) and Benjamin, a son, Giles Frederick Peter Langton, a brother for George.

KIRKLAND - On April 13th, to Julia (née Heagren) and Nick, a son, Timothy Edward, a brother for Jamie.

KNIGHT - On 8th April, to Julia (née McMaster) and Martyn, a daughter, Ella Sophie.

MARSHALL - On 31st March, to Saskia (née Gavin) and Nick, a daughter, Matilda.

MASH - On 8th April 1993, at St Mary's, Paddington, to Camilla (née de Sousa Turner) and Julian, a daughter, Christabel Anne Victoria.

MILTON - On 6th April 1993, at The Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford, to Christine (née Holland) and Nicholas, a gift of a son, Joshua Charles.

MONTAGUE-JOHNSTONE - On 3rd April, to Katie (née Curtis) and Torquil, a daughter, Alice Victoria, a sister for Josh.

BIRTHS

NORRIS O'LEARY - On Easter Sunday 11th April, to Cresta and Garret, a daughter, Katherine Elizabeth O'Leary (Kitty).

NORTON - On 28th March, to Theresa (née Marmion) and Jeremy, a daughter, Florence Eleanor Anne, a sister for Phoebe.

PUTT - On 31st March 1993 at The Portland Hospital to Teresa and Kevin, their first born, a beautiful son, Kevin Warren Jr weighing 8lbs 2oz.

SADLER - On Thursday April 8th, to Janie (née Macneal) and David, a daughter, Louisa, a sister for Rowley.

TAYLOR - On April 7th 1993, to Caroline (née Shepherd-Smith) and Luke, a daughter, Georgina Clare.

THOMSON - On April 10th, to Richard and Alexandra, a son, Jack Richard Byars.

WYNTER - On 8th April, to Hilary (née Ohlson) and Julian, a daughter, Georgia Elizabeth, a sister for Tom.

DIAMOND ANNIVERSARIES

SPENCER:ROBINSON - Rolf Edmund, only child of Dr. Malcolm and Mabel Spencer, to Dorothy Helen, only child of Dr. Theodore and Marie Robinson.

DEATHS

ANDREWS - On 9th April 1993, at Charing Cross Hospital, Russell. Beloved husband of Irene, father of Warren, Grant and Gary, grandfather of Lucy, Anthony and Oliver. He will be greatly missed and always remembered. Funeral Service Friday 16th April at Putney Vale Crematorium. Flowers and donation enquiries to Frederick W Paine, 182 High Street, New Malden, tel: (081) 942-1978.

BALL - Geoffrey Cecil F.R.I.C.S. of Shoreham, Kent. On Easter day after a short illness. Beloved husband of Ann, devoted father of Mandy, Polly Ann and Elinor, and loving grandfather of Charles and Sam. Family funeral in Shoreham at 11am on 20th April to be followed by a Memorial Service at St. James Garlickhythe at noon on 10th May. Enquiries and, if desired donations to the Painter Stainer's Charity Fund, C/o W Hodges 89 St. Johns Hill, Sevenoaks, Kent TN13 3PE (0732 454457).

BARLOW - On Easter Sunday, peacefully at Haslemere Cottage Hospital, Violet Norah aged 91. Devoted Aunt and great Aunt of the Barlow family. Funeral Service at Guildford Crematorium on Saturday 17th April at 11.30 am. Garden flowers only please, or donations if desired to RNIB or Friends of the Elderly. Enquiries to G M Luff & Partners 0428 643824.

DEATHS

BARWICK - On April 9th 1993 suddenly but peacefully whilst attending a Dinner in Holmfirth, Robert Gordon, recently retired Professor of Engineering at the University of Huddersfield. Beloved husband of Rita, son of Robert Johnson Barwick, dearly beloved father of Angela, Paul, Elizabeth, Beverley and David. Cortege leaves his home in Springwood Hall Gardens Huddersfield on Friday April 16th at 10.30am for Service at the Huddersfield Parish Church at 10.45am followed by interment at Almondbury Cemetery. Donations in lieu of flowers may be sent to a Memorial Trophy Fund c/o Dr A C Barwick, 22 Meadow Bank, Hitchin, Herts

BROADBENT - Donald Eric CBE, FRS, on 10th April 1993, suddenly at his daughter's home in Aylesbury. Emeritus Fellow of Wolfson College, Oxford. Retired from Department of Psychology, Oxford University and former Director of Applied Psychology Research Unit of the Medical Research Council, Cambridge. Beloved husband of Margaret, father of Pat and Judith (deceased), stepfather of Mark and Romilly and dear grandfather to Tom, Richard and Elizabeth. The funeral service will take place at Oxford Crematorium on Tuesday 20th April at 2 pm followed by reception at Wolfson College. Family flowers only please but donations if desired to the Salvation Army.

BUSH - Charlotte Lochee, peacefully at St Angela's Convent, Clifton, Bristol, on April 11th 1993. Service at St Angela's on Wednesday 21st April at 2 pm, followed by cremation at Canford Crematorium. Family flowers only but donations if desired to the British Red Cross Society c/o R. Davies & Sons Funeral Directors, 381 Gloucester Road, Bristol, Avon.

CAMPBELL - On 8th April, Diana (Tid), after a gallant lifelong fight against pain. Much missed by her many friends in the sailing world. No letters please but donations, if desired, welcome for the RYA Seamanship Foundation, RYA House, Romsey Road, Eastleigh.

CARPENTER - On April 9th 1993, Victor Edward, of Wimbledon SW19, aged 76 years. Dearly loved and loving husband of Winifred. Loving father and grandfather. No flowers but donations, if wished, to UNICEF. All enquiries to Co-op Funeral Service, 100 Brighton Road, Purley, Surrey CR8 4DA, tel: (081) 660-7622.

CARTER - On Easter Sunday, April 11th 1993, Donald George Carter, Rector of Christ Church and St Mary Magdalen, St Leonards-on-Sea. Canon of Chichester Cathedral. Previously Vicar of Mayfield. Funeral Requiem at 10.30 am, Tuesday April 27th 1993 at Christ Church, St Leonards, followed by private cremation. By his request donations in lieu of flowers in aid of the Christ Church Organ Fund may be sent to Towners, 2/4 Norman Road, St Leonards. May he rest in peace.

DEATHS

CORNISH - On April 12th 1993, peacefully at Barty House Nursing Home, Bearsted, Constance Mary aged 92, much loved mother of Peter and Jean, mother-in-law of Bobbie and Peter, grandmother of Sarah, Emma, Andrew and Fiona, great-grandmother of Jack and Rosie. Funeral Service on Monday 19th April at 11.30 am at Vinters Park Crematorium, Maidstone. Family flowers only, donations if desired for Age Concern and all enquiries to Clarkes Funeral Service, 31 High Street, Snodland, Kent ME6 5AG tel: (0634) 240458

COULSON - Sidney John peacefully at home on 14th April 1993 in his 74th year, beloved and loving husband of Violet, father of Lindsay, Bridget and Nicholas and grandfather of 8. Funeral Mass at Downside Abbey at 12 noon on 24th April. R.I.P. Family flowers only but donations if desired for Parkinson's Disease Society to E. Emery and Son Funeral Directors, Ashwick, Oakhill, near Bath, tel: (0749) 840360.

CRACKNELL - On Thursday 8th April 1993, peacefully in her 88th year, Cicely, beloved mother of Desmond, Irene and Gordon and grandmother and great-grandmother.

CREGEEN - On Good Friday April 9th 1993, suddenly but peacefully at home, Marion Louise, aged 81, loving wife of Mark and adored mother of Peter and Jill and her four grandchildren Mark, Catherine, Robert and Guy. Will be dearly missed by all. Funeral Guildford Crematorium 12.30 pm Monday 19th April. Flowers to Farnham Funeral Service, (0252) 711444 or donations to Arthritis Care, 18 Stephenson Way, NW1 2HD.

CUMIN - Dr. Aubrey, husband of Phyllida. Formerly family doctor in Luton and Caddington, died peacefully after illness. Deeply mourned by his wife and family. Funeral Service at West Herts Crematorium on Friday 16th April at 12:15 PM. All enquiries to L. C. Weston (Funeral Directors), tel: 0582 712865.

DIGGENS - On April 13th 1993, Commander Allen Augustus Diggens D.S.C., R.N. Rtd. Dearly loved husband of June and father of David. Funeral Service at St Denys' Church, Rotherfield, on Friday 23rd April at 11.15 am followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Cancer Research c/o Paul Bysouth Funeral Services, Crowborough, East Sussex TN6 1DL.

D'SOUZA - Captain (E) Rex Joseph, RFA (Rtd). On April 11th, peacefully at home. Dearly beloved husband of Dorothy Anne. Requiem Mass at 9am on Friday 16th of April at the Sacred Heart Church, Waterlooville, Hants. Followed by Funeral.

ENTWISLE - Peacefully on Tuesday April 13th 1993, Ellen Mona (née Haigh) of Maesteg, Mid-Glamorgan, formerly of Birkdale, Southport. Beloved wife of the late F.M. Entwisle (Ron) and loving mother of Anne. Enquiries to Hywel Watts, Owen E. Jones & Co. Ltd., Zoar Chapel of Rest, Maesteg, tel: (0656) 733167/734829.

DEATHS

FOX - On April 10th 1993, peacefully at home from cancer borne with dignity and courage, Major Denis Baraclough Fox M.B.E. aged 72. Dearest husband of Denise, will be very sadly missed by his devoted family and many friends. Funeral Service at Harkstead Church, nr. Ipswich, on Thursday April 22nd at 12 noon. Family flowers only but donations if desired may be sent to St Elizabeth Hospice, 565 Foxhall Road, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP3 8LX. Memorial Service to be arranged later.

FRANCIS - On April 11th 1993, peacefully, Margaret Beatrice, widow of John H.M. Francis. Beloved mother and grandmother. Private family funeral service Tuesday April 20th. No flowers please. Donations if desired to Arthritis Care, c/o Longhurst Undertakers, 8/10 Pound Lane, Epsom, Surrey KT19 8RY, tel: (0372) 723648.

HADDON - On April 12th, peacefully at home Brigadier Tommy Haddon C.B.E., dearly loved husband of Clodagh and father of Paul, Martin and John. Service of Remembrance at St John's Church, Churt, on Saturday May 1st at 2.30pm.

HARGREAVES - On 12th April 1993 at home, Margot Elizabeth, dearly loved wife of Theo and devoted mother to Nigel, Jane and Adam. Funeral Service on Monday 19th April at 1.30 pm at Great Bowden Parish Church. Private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations to Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund, 15-19 Britten Street, London SW3 3TZ. Enquiries to L.C. Weston Funeral Directors, tel: (0582) 712865/713395.

HAYES - Denis, on 13th April 1993, aged 78, suddenly in Surbiton, retired Solicitor and former Chairman of Medical Appeals Tribunal, beloved husband of Audrey, father and grandfather. Cremation at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead, Wednesday 21st April 2.30pm. No flowers. Donations if desired to Oxfam.

HAZZARD - Mary (née Lett), on Good Friday, suddenly but peacefully at home in London, aged 78. Much loved sister of Peggy, Bern and Patricia. Requiem Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption and St Gregory, Warwick Street, London, on Monday 19th April at 2.30 pm, then at Golders Green Crematorium, London at 3.45 pm. No flowers please, donations to the NSPCC.

JACOMB-HOOD - Gillian on 13th April in the Macmillan Ward, King Edward VII Hospital, Midhurst, after a short illness. Loved and admired by Ted, Honor, Anna, Julia, Anthony and Ronnie Valentine. She will be truly missed by family, friends in Harting, at the House of Commons and by those having shared interests in gardening and the arts. Funeral 2 pm Wednesday 21st April, garden flowers only by request. Service of Thanksgiving 2 pm Saturday 8th May, both services in SS Mary and Gabriel Church, South Harting. If wished donations to the Church.

DEATHS

JONES - Alison (née Shepherd) on April 13th 1993 in Sobell House, Churchill Hospital, Oxford, aged 61. For almost 40 years devoted wife of Micky, much loved mother of Helen Friday and Jennifer Boddington and loving grandmother. Private cremation. Memorial Service in Radley College Chapel at 12 noon on Sunday April 25th. All friends welcome. Lunch provided. No flowers please but donations, if wished, to Sobell House Hospice.

KEMP - Suddenly on 11th April at The Gloucestershire Royal Hospital, Isabel Eva aged 82 years of The Shears, Uley, Glos. Funeral Service at Uley Parish Church on Monday 19th April at 11.30 am followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations if desired may be sent for Uley Parish Church c/o Philip Ford & Son (Funeral Directors) Dirleton House, Stroud.

KENSIT - John Vernon, Solicitor. Husband of Jean and father of Charles and Christabel, resided at Coldharbour London E14 and of Hogben's Hill, Felling. Passed away 10th April 1993, aged 51 years. Funeral to be held at Felling Church, Faversham Kent on Saturday 17th April at 2:30pm. Floral tributes and enquiries may be made to Hogben & Partis, 37 Stone Street, Faversham. Tel: (0795) 532319. A memorial service will be held in London at a later date.

KING-MARTIN - At home on 11th April, peacefully in his sleep, Brigadier John Douglas King-Martin CBE DSO MC (Johnny) aged 78, beloved husband of Jemima, dearly loved father of Warwick and Merrily and father in law of Tim and Birgit, much loved grandfather of Marcus and Gemma and Natja and Michelle. Funeral private, family flowers only please but donations if desired to British Heart Foundation, 14 Fitzhardinge Street, London W1H 4DH. Memorial service at the "Pifler" Church, St. Lukes, Chelsea at a date to be announced next week.

LEA - On April 13th 1993, peacefully, Cyril Alexander Edward ("Sheikh") Lea C.B.E., aged 90, dear father of Mark, and to Andrea and devoted grandfather of Edward, Daniel and Alexander. Funeral service Monday April 19th, 2.30pm at Bournemouth Crematorium. Flowers may be sent to Deric-Scott, Portman Lodge Funeral Home, Bournemouth.

MALLARD - On 28th March at Pattaya International Hospital, Thailand, after a short illness, George aged 65 years. In accordance with his wishes a buddhist funeral was held on 3rd April attended by friends. Enquiries to Price & Company, 30-32 Gildredge Road, Eastbourne.

MICHELL - Lieutenant Commander J.F. (Jack), dearly beloved husband of Mary, much loved father of Richard, Adrian, David and Alice, on April 12th peacefully at home surrounded by his family.

DEATHS

MONTGOMERY - Five days after her 92nd birthday on Monday 13th April 1993 at 3 Castle Gardens Kirkcudbright, Margaret Emmeline Drennan. Beloved wife of the late Reverend Colin R Montgomery. Service will be held in Greyfriars Church, Kirkcudbright at 2.00pm on Friday 16th April followed by cremation at Masonhill Crematorium by Ayr at 11.00am on Monday 19th April. Family flowers only but donations if desired to Greyfriars Church will be accepted by Messrs Osborne Funeral Directors, 41 Castle St., Kirkcudbright DG6 4JD.

NORTON - Leopold Gerard, peacefully on 12th April 1993 at Downlands Park, formerly of Unilever. Cremation will take place at Surrey and Sussex Crematorium, Worth, on 22nd April at 11.15 am. Donations in lieu of flowers to Friends of Ashdown Forest c/o Ashdown Forest Centre, Wych Cross, Forest Row, RH18 5JP or Matthews Undertakers, High Street, Cuckfield (0444) 441616.

O'BRIEN On April 12th, peacefully at home in her hundredth year, Esther Mary (née Milward) wife of the late Major John Francis Clare O'Brien. Funeral at the Oxford Crematorium on Tuesday 20th April at 3.00pm. No flowers but donations if wished to Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind.

REID - On April 12th 1993, Alice Mildred, of Sidmouth, died peacefully. Widow of Robert Reid. Much loved by her family. Cremation at Exeter & Devon Crematorium on Tuesday April 20th at 12 noon. Flowers to Potbury's Chapel of Rest, Sidmouth, please.

SKRINE - On Tuesday 13th April at his home Bullerstown, Tomhaggard, County Wexford, after a short illness, John Sholto Herries, CBE., MC., recently of Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend.

TOWNLEY - On April 10th, peacefully at home in Shaftesbury, William Thomas aged 92, formerly of Woking and Bishopsteignton. Enquiries to Messrs W & A Gatehouse, 0747 54266.

TREADWELL - On April 9th 1993, peacefully at Willett House Nursing Home, Chislehurst, Margaret (née Rogers), beloved wife of Gerald and much loved mother, grandmother and sister. Funeral Service at St Nicholas, Chislehurst, at 10.45 am Tuesday 20th April. Enquiries to Francis Chappell, 48 High Street, Sidcup, Kent, tel: (081) 300-4661.

VANE - On 12th April 1993, at Carlisle, after a short illness, Margaret Cicely, formerly of Capetown, aged 82 years, daughter of the late Colonel the Hon W.L. and Lady Katharine Vane. Funeral Service at St James' Church, Hutton in the Forest, Penrith, Cumbria, on Friday 23rd April at 11.30 am followed by private cremation. Family flowers only.

WATERS - On April 6th, peacefully in a Sussex nursing home, Dorothy Mabel (Cookie), for 30 years in Pall Mall. Funeral private, donations if desired to Cancer Research Campaign. All enquiries to Rowland Bros. tel: (081) 684-1667.

DEATHS

WHISTONDALE - Peacefully, on April 12th 1993, John Thomas, much loved and respected father of Ian and brother of May. Funeral at Putney Vale Crematorium, Friday April 23rd at 12 noon. Enquiries, Ernest Larner & Son, Funeral Directors, (081) 788-2942.

WIGHTWICK - Joan, of Codford, Wiltshire, in her hundredth year, died peacefully and in loving care at Henford House, Warminster, on 13th April 1993. Funeral at St Mary's Church, Codford, on Thursday 22nd April at 2pm.

WILLIAMS - On April 12th after a brave fight against cancer, Peter Edward in his 69th year. A devoted husband, father and grandfather. Funeral Service on Monday April 19th at All Saints Church, Croxley Green at 2 pm followed by cremation. Family flowers only but if desired donations to Michael Sobel House or Cancer Research c/o James Peddle Ltd., 65 High Street, Rickmansworth, tel: (0923) 772013.

WOOD - Eleanor Mary (Mollie) on April 8th peacefully at Cirencester Hospital. Memorial Service at Cirencester Parish Church, April 23rd at 2 pm. No flowers.

WOODWARD On 12 April 1993 Elizabeth (née Ramsbotham) aged 80. Adored wife of the late David, beloved mother of Liz. Requiem mass at St Hugh's RC Church Woodstock at 10.15am on 19 April followed by interment. Flowers welcome but donations if preferred to Notting Hill Housing Trust, London, W6 0UB.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

BENNETT - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Mr F.O.A.G. (Alex) Bennett will be held in the Quire, Canterbury Cathedral, on Friday 7th May at 3.30 pm.

McNAIR-WILSON - A memorial service in thanksgiving for the life of Sir Michael McNair-Wilson will be held at St. Nicolas Church, Newbury, on Saturday May 8th 1993 at 11:00am.

SNOWDEN - Thanksgiving Service for Major Peter Barry Snowden will take place, as previously announced, on Thursday 29th April at 12 noon at Holy Trinity Church, Cowes, Isle of Wight. Space will be reserved for members of clubs and organisations of which he was a member. Donations if desired to either Riding for the Disabled Association or The National Deaf Children's Society, may be sent to Saddlers Company, Gutter Lane, London EC2V 6BR.

VALPY - A Thanksgiving Service for the life of the late Elizabeth Ovenden is to be held at St Anne's Parish Church, Lewes, East Sussex, on Friday 30th April 1993 at 2.30 pm. All her friends will be welcome at the service.

IN MEMORIAM – WAR

THOMPSON - Remembering especially today his 70th birthday Lieutenant John Edmund Cameron Thompson D.S.C., R.N., killed on 18th June 1945 when his aircraft plunged into the sea off E. Scotland. Deeply loved and missed. A valiant descendant of one of Nelson's Band of Brothers - Thompson of the Leander.

IN MEMORIAM – PRIVATE

BEDDIS - Rex, died 15th April 1988, remembered with love and affection by family and friends.

HENNESSY Eoghan - In loving memory of our darling son and brother who died two years ago today. "Our flower was in flushing When blighting was nearest." Ellis, John, Aisling, Siofra and all his family and friends.

ODHAMS - Tim. In loving memory of TCO died 15th April 1992.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKYOU Nick. From your loving brother who forgot to say so on Saturday. Sorry, love Tim.

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BRIGADIER J. D. KING-MARTIN

Brigadier J. D. King-Martin, CBE, DSO, MC, Deputy Commander Eastern District, 1968-70, died on April 11 aged 78. He was born on March 9, 1915.



JOHNNY King-Martin had a long career of really active service which began with the Waziristan campaign on the North West Frontier in the years before the war, and continued in Africa in 1940. He fought in many of the major engagements of the second world war. But his fighting days were very far from over when it ended, as his decorations attest. He won his MC in Korea, in some of the toughest fighting of the war there. His DSO was a recognition of the superb leadership he displayed in Cyprus at the height of the Eoka campaign of insurgency which rendered the security situation in the island precarious in the extreme. His appointment as CBE was, again, for participation in active military operations, this time against the Indonesian threat to Malaysia, which developed in the 1960s.

King-Martin was one of the very few infantry officers of the prewar Indian Army who transferred to the Royal Artillery, in the British service, subsequently to reach the rank of brigadier. He owed his success to outstanding qualities of leadership. His life was a persistent pursuit of active service duty. He was a fine fighting soldier who hated the idea of being on the staff and tried to avoid it.

John Douglas King-Martin was born in Batoul, India, son of an Indian Forest Service official. He was educated at Allhallows School and went to Sandhurst before being commissioned into the 3rd Royal Sikhs Battalion, 12th Frontier Force Regiment in 1935. He joined his regiment in the North-West Frontier Province, immediately before it left for two years rigorous campaigning in the hills of Waziristan, undertaken to suppress the uprising led by the Faqir of Ipi.

At the outbreak of war in Europe in 1939, the 3/12th Frontier Force moved to join the 5th Indian Division at Secunderabad. Within a month of Italy's entry into the war on July 10, 1940, the 5th Indian Division embarked for East Africa. King-Martin's battalion saw action almost immediately against the troops of the Duke of Aosta at Gallabat, on Sudan's frontier with Eritrea, as part of Brigadier (later Field Marshal) W. J. Slim's 10th Indian Brigade.

The 3/12th Frontier Force took part in all the 5th Indian Division battles of the Eritrean campaign, which reached their culmination in the battle of Keren. The Italian mountain stronghold barred the way to the capital Asmara and the naval base at Massawa. The Italian defenders of Keren under General Carnimeo were skilfully led and showed a fine fighting spirit which was in marked contrast to that of their compatriots in the desert campaign. The first British-Indian attack against them was unsuccessful but, after a contest lasting 53 days, Keren fell and Asmara was taken on April 1, 1941. King-Martin's battalion was at once dispatched southwards with the 9th Indian Brigade for the decisive battle of Amba Alagi, in Ethiopia, where the defeated, but by no means disgraced, Duke of Aosta surrendered on May 19, 1941.

The 5th Indian Division was then transferred to the Western Desert in time for the 3/12th Frontier Force to take part in the battle of the Cauldron, Rommel's last victory in the desert, in June 1942. King-Martin was lucky not to be killed or captured during this battle, when his battalion was surrounded by tanks of the Afrika Korps and severely mauled. He was mentioned in dispatches for his part in operations. He then returned to India.

After attending the staff college, Quetta, he was appointed Brigade Major of 36 Indian Infantry Brigade, which was sent to Java for operations against Sukarno's irregular forces from 1945 to 1947, as part of the Allied attempt to restore Indonesia to Dutch rule. On Indian independence in 1947 he transferred to the British Army and, like many other Indian Army officers, joined the Royal Artillery.

After service in Germany he went to command 12 (Minden) Battery of 20 Field Regiment in Korea. The period 1952-53 included some of the most severe fighting of this bitter war, which took place after the intervention of the Chinese army in overwhelming strength. King-Martin was awarded the Military Cross for fine work in command of his battery during the first part of 1953. On return from Korea, in spite of being eminently qualified, he avoided service on the staff and became Training Major of the Essex Yeomanry RHA until appointed to command 50 Medium Regiment RA in 1956.

The Eoka campaign in Cyprus was at its height at this time, placing heavy demands on the already severely stretched British infantry. King-Martin's artillery regiment was sent to Cyprus in an infantry role and made responsible for the Paphos district in the south-west of the island. During 1957-58 the Paphos district command was credited with the highest success rate against the insurgents, and King-Martin was awarded the DSO.

King-Martin continued to avoid service on the staff with consummate skill. He commanded a college at Sandhurst until appointed Commander Royal Artillery of 17th Gurkha Division in Malaysia in 1960. With the onset of the Indonesia-Malaysia confrontation in 1962, the GOC and most of the divisional staff were moved to Borneo. King-Martin commanded the remainder of the division in its operations to counter Indonesian landings on the Malaysian mainland peninsula. For this he was appointed CBE in 1964.

Although by age and command experience eminently qualified for promotion to major-general on his return from Malaysia, King-Martin found that there were fewer posts to be filled in that rank than there were able and experienced men available. The fashion, current at that time, of favouring those who had served in the British Army of the Rhine, told against him. He held two further commands as a brigadier in England before retiring from the Army in 1970. He was appointed an ADC to the Queen in 1968.

Johnnie King-Martin was well-known throughout the Army as a strong but invariably good-humoured commander. His presence and bearing brought immediate attention. He radiated confidence, making plain that he knew what needed to be done and how to get it done. In retirement he worked tirelessly as the Army's schools liaison officer for East Anglia, where he also made for himself a reputation as a landscape artist.

He leaves his widow, Jemima, a son and a daughter.

KAREN GERSHON

Karen Gershon, poet, died in London on March 24 aged 69. She was born in Bielefeld, Germany, on August 29, 1923.



KAREN Gershon was a lone voice in Holocaust poetry and literature in this country during the 1960s, when the general public, Gentile and Jewish, was not yet ready for the unburdening of the trauma of the second world war.

Herself a "children's transport" arrival in England in 1938 at the age of 15, she threw off all connections with her past as soon as possible. She left the Scottish refugee hostel, where she had been placed, and took domestic and office jobs in Leeds. She won a scholarship to Edinburgh University but gave it up to work in matron and housemother posts in progressive boarding schools around the country. She married an English non-Jewish art teacher, Val Tripp, in 1948 and settled with him in Ilminster, Somerset, to raise a family on humanist principles.

As a child in Bielefeld, Westphalia, she had belonged to the German-Jewish Liberal tradition and attended a Zionist youth group, where she prepared for a future life in Palestine — not that she looked forward to collective life on an agricultural kibbutz, having more literary ambitions. Her older sister received a certificate to go to Palestine but as Karen was under 17, her parents sent her to England for safety instead. Like many of her background, she felt culturally rather than religiously Jewish and wished to be more German. Her name then was Kate Loewenthal.

After moving to Ilminster, she started writing in English but did not feel sure enough to publish until she had won an English verse competition. Her first book of *Selected Poems*, published by Victor Gollancz in 1966, was full of the pain of the sudden and final separation from her parents, who perished in a concentration camp in Riga, Latvia. Her repeated line "I was not there to comfort them" showed the now familiar guilt of the survivor.

Her collective autobiography, fusing the accounts of nearly 250 child refugees into one story, *We Came as Children*, marked the 25th anniversary of the Kindertransport operation and led to a wider audience on television programmes and to poetry readings. In the early 1970s, she was chosen as one of the dial-a-poem telephone poets.

Her surname comes from the name given by Moses to a son born in Midian because he was "a stranger in a strange land". The sense of alienation never left her. After a visit to her home town in Germany in 1963, where all trace of the Jewish community had been wiped out including her father's name on architectural plaques, she wrote: "I have always denied that I am German ... yet am only marginally Jewish ... I live in England from choice." But as her children grew up, she felt a growing need to give them a background of Jewish religious symbols, festival and ceremonies.

Her courageously penetrating verse on a deeply wounding subject earned her awards and recognition in 1967 from the Arts Council, from an American organisation, and from Israel, where she was invited to spend a study tour.

Israel was an emotional highpoint for her, where she found that being a Jew and a refugee could be a normal condition and nothing to hide or be ashamed of. At Yad Vashem, the Holocaust memorial in Jerusalem, she felt she came the nearest she possibly could to her parents' grave. She went to live in Israel in 1969 but practical problems brought the family back to England six years later, where they lived first in London and then Cornwall. However, Israel's pull was strong enough for three of her four children to make their home there.

She continued writing, widening her field to include motherhood and biblical themes. But the pain of bereavement, flight and exile was always present, whether in her poetry volumes such as *My Daughters, My Sisters* and *Coming Back From Babylon* or her novels, such as *Bread of Exile*, which explored autobiographical strands. She wrote for all her generation when she said: "I write about my parents because to think about them is all that is left to me of them; I write about my childhood because there is no one to tell me what it was really like, and I use my poetry as a means of discovering an unremembered truth."

She leaves her husband, two sons and two daughters.

GEORGE IVES

George Ives, believed to have been the last surviving veteran of the Boer War, died in his sleep on April 12 aged 111. He was born on November 17, 1881.

GLADSTONE was prime minister and Queen Victoria's reign had still 20 years to run when George Ives was born at Brighton, the son of a coachman who doubled as a jockey. But his extraordinarily long life, with its rich story-book flavour, was lived mostly in Canada.

Ives's father owned a small stable of race horses which he raced at Epsom, among other places. He also competed in the Grand National, but never won anything. In his turn Ives too became a jockey, competing in both England and at St Malo in France (on a racecourse laid out on a hard-packed sandy beach). However, he began to put on too much weight to continue racing, and having no other trade, decided to join the Army.

As a soldier with a mounted unit of the Imperial Yeomanry, he was in South Africa for the brutal, hard-fought final year of the Boer conflict in which he went behind enemy lines as a scout and suffered a face wound during combat. Later he recalled how his unit took vengeance on a captured Boer officer known to have mistreated English prisoners. To teach him a lesson, they forced the captive to lie on an anthill with his hands tied behind his back and syrup spread across his belly.

"We left him there to suffer a thousand ant bites, but we didn't like doing it. Anyway the man survived. And when the armistice was called, we all became friendly. We often got together."

That was Ives's last spell in the army: when the first world war broke out he was six years too old — at 34 — for military service.



Home from the South African war in 1902, Ives made up his mind to emigrate but could not decide between Canada and New Zealand. "So I took a two shilling piece and said heads it's Canada and tails it's New Zealand. I flipped it and it came up heads. And that's how I got into Canada."

He homesteaded in Saskatchewan, deep in the heart of the Canadian Prairie, and also worked on the railroad.

In 1910, in a church at Streamstown, Alberta (next door to Saskatchewan), he married a Bristol woman, Kate Nelson, who shared his life for the next 76 years until her death at the age of 98.

The couple lived in Saskatchewan until 1919, by which time three of their six children had been born — and Kate had had enough of the extreme prairie winter cold, with temperatures down to 45 below zero.

"She didn't like hanging clothes out to dry and seeing them freeze at once", Ives recalled. So they decided to try their luck in balmier British Columbia, on Canada's west coast.

In BC they settled on land in the Fraser River Valley, living in various small towns and, in 1944, moved to Vancouver where Ives went to work in a shipyard. He continued working there until his retirement in 1958, aged 77.

Ninety years after having left England he returned, this time for a much more celebrated homecoming. On November 7, 1992, proudly wearing his Queen Victoria South Africa Medal, he laid a wreath at the Cenotaph in London in honour of his comrades who died fighting the Boers.

That night he was the guest of the Royal British Legion at a remembrance festival in the Royal Albert Hall. Meetings with the Queen Mother, the Princess of Wales, Lady Thatcher and Mrs John Major topped off an event-filled few days.

Once, after he had turned 111, it was suggested to him that he must have lived a good, clean life to have endured so long. He chuckled and said: "That's a joke. I smoked lots of cigarettes in my day and drank lots of beer."

Of his six children, only three — daughters Audrey Davidson and Victoria Conn, and son Jack Ives — are still living, in British Columbia. There are also 44 grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

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"A.R.P." prefaces the offer of a modern house at Aylesbury for £850; "away from uncertainty" is the heading of an offer for £2,650 of a Tudor manor house and 31 acres, "in Constable's country," by Messrs. C.M. Stanford and Son (Colchester); and "Devon for Safety" introduces the offer of a stone bungalow in a valley near Hartland Point, on the north coast of that county. A houseboat on Oulton Broad is saleable as "Ideal A.R.P." Emphasis is laid on the "peaceful" character of some of the districts wherein are houses to be let furnished. One of these houses is on the Grampian Hills and another is near Teignmouth.

ON THIS DAY

April 15 1939

Never at a loss as to how to market a property, estate agents had, in an uncertain time, taken to highlighting A.R.P. — air-raid precautions — as a selling attraction. The outbreak of war was less than six months away.

WAR OFFICE "CONSCRIPTION" OF FARM LAND

Resentment at the War Office "practically conscripting" the best farm land was expressed in a statement issued by the Dorset section of the National Farmers' Union on Thursday. It was claimed that the War Office took good land when they could utilize waste land which would have suited their purpose better and saved taxpayers vast sums of money spent on acquiring valuable agricultural land. A strongly worded resolution was sent to the Government protesting against the War Office's proposal compulsorily to acquire pasture at Leigh Farm, Wimborne, to be used for storage purposes. The Dorset Executive declared that alternative land of little or no agricultural value was available. They said this was "a glaring case of military conscription of land", and decided to press the Government to consult local farmers when land is bought. It was stated that after approaches to the Secretary of State for War the War Office requirements at Wimborne had been reduced from 16 acres to about five.

NEWS

Thatcher takes Bosnia call to US

■ The West's growing exasperation over its impotence in halting Serb aggression in Bosnia-Herzegovina was exposed yesterday as Baroness Thatcher took her call for action across the Atlantic and to the House of Lords.

The government stood firm in rejecting her demand for the Bosnian Muslims to be armed, but MPs admitted that she had struck a chord with her impassioned appearances on British and American television..... Pages 1,8,9,20,21

Seven killed in South Africa

■ Three demonstrators were killed as police opened fire on a huge crowd outside Soweto's Protea Park police station. Two other people were shot and killed in Cape Town, and two deaths were reported in townships east of Johannesburg, bringing the toll for the day to seven..... Pages 1,14

Strike likely

A national rail strike tomorrow looks almost certain after the collapse of talks between British Rail and the unions. Only a totally unexpected climbdown by one side before noon can prevent what Sir Bob Reid of BR said would be a "lousy day" for commuters..... Page 1

Green shoots

The Chancellor of the Exchequer yesterday hailed as excellent new evidence of a revival in British manufacturing and said industry's outlook was bright as long as companies kept costs under control..... Page 1

Schools move

The government may reduce teachers' involvement in the national curriculum by contracting out the marking..... Page 1

£30,000 award

A Roman Catholic nurse in Northern Ireland was yesterday awarded £30,000 damages in a case of religious discrimination at work..... Page 2

Lax security

Poor security at one of London's busiest crown courts that prisoners have to be chained when they visit the lavatories..... Page 2

Gas chamber

A court was told how a magistrate who tried to kill his sleeping wife with a home-made portable gas chamber killed the family cat while testing the equipment..... Page 3

Hunting backed

The hunting of deer with hounds is expected to be allowed on National Trust land after a report saying that it plays a vital role in preserving the habitat on which the deer depend... Page 7

Court challenge

At the trial in Moscow of 12 Communists accused of plotting the coup against Mikhail Gorbachev, defence lawyers objected claimed that Russia's supreme court is not entitled to hear the case..... Page 12

Tension mounts

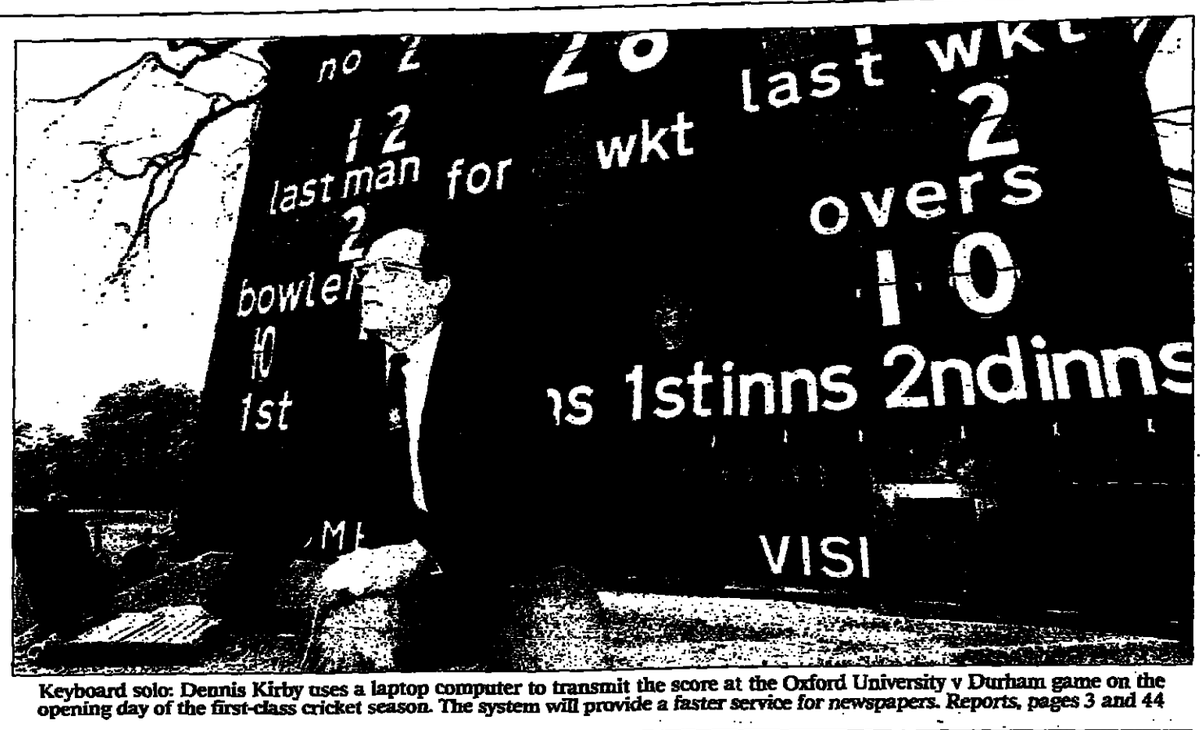
Residents in the wealthier districts of Los Angeles were preparing for riots as the jury in the Rodney King case began a fifth day of deliberations..... Page 13

French clash

President Mitterrand clashed for the first time with the new centre-right French government over killings of criminals..... Page 13

Feathers kept tyrannosaurus warm

■ Dinosaurs, and even *Tyrannosaurus rex*, may have had feathers not for flying but to keep them warm. The possibility has been raised in the Gobi desert, where an American-Mongolian team has found the complete fossil skeleton of a turkey-sized animal which shares features common to meat-eating, two-legged dinosaurs and modern birds..... Page 7



Keyboard solo: Dennis Kirby uses a laptop computer to transmit the score at the Oxford University v Durham game on the opening day of the first-class cricket season. The system will provide a faster service for newspapers. Reports, pages 3 and 44

BUSINESS

Tough on trade: Neil Hamilton, the corporate affairs minister, announced plans to strengthen the law to curb anti-competitive practices in the marketplace.... Page 27

Off the peg: The Al-Fayed brothers, owners of Harrods, incurred an estimated £70 million loss on the sale of their shareholding in Sears, the retailing group..... Page 25

Daf deal: Managers at the Leyland DAF lorry plant in Leyland, Lancashire, have begun talks with receivers to DAF, the collapsed Anglo-Dutch parent company, aimed at completing a buyout within a fortnight..... Page 27

Markets: Sterling and shares closed broadly unchanged. The FT-SE 100 index was down 4.7 at 2,842.1, surrendering earlier gains, while the pound ended down .58 cents at $1.55 and up .56 pfennigs at DM2..... Page 28

TRAVEL

Cheap and cheerful: Economy hotels are springing up all over France, providing travellers with the choice of rooms which can cost as little as £16 per night for a family of three..... Page 19

Unspoilt by violence: Croatia is trying to lure back tourists Page 18

SPORT

Football: Edwin Stein, the first black manager of a senior English football club, is picking up the pieces at Barnet..... Page 46

Athletics: While thousands will take part in the NutraSweet London Marathon on Sunday, big money is directed at the elite for turning up. But is London getting value for money?..... Page 48

FEATURES

Maximum self-pity: "Hitherto victimhood was one of the few clubs in America closed to Anglo-Saxon men, but now we too can claim we are being unjustly treated by society."..... Page 16

Helping mind: Jeremy Laurance reports on Britain's booming psychotherapy industry..... Page 17

THE TIMES TOMORROW

Drivers in the frame

■ London's network of cameras to identify speeding motorists is to be updated. Vaughan Freeman how the police plan to make the process more effective

Family ties

■ "Every child has a right to have an Aunt Ada Doom smelling of mothballs and cursing in black". Libby Purves on the great merits of the family gathering

Made for Moore

■ Richard Cork visits the Henry Moore Institute, a £5 million custom-built international centre for sculpture which opens next week in Leeds, where the Yorkshire-born artist produced his first student works

ARTS

Heroic mannerisms: Dustin Hoffman's fussy performance in the title role of *Accidental Hero* fatally unbalances what might have been a sharp film satire to rival the work of Preston Sturges..... Page 33

Which comes first? The National Galleries of Scotland have brought back to life a private gallery as a setting for a notable collection. But the decorative scheme reflects the end of the last century rather than the collection's origins at the beginning..... Page 33

Un poco agitato: The world of Italian opera continues its litany of woes: political infighting, union bolshiness and stroppy singers. But is all the drama offstage just part of the drama onstage?Page 35

BOOKS

American ghosts: Angela Carter's wonderful posthumous stories about the New World, plus new American novels and an insider's account of how the Cold War was won..... Page 36

Out of Africa: Sousa Jamba on the fall of white Rhodesia, and a life of Beryl Markham: daredevil pilot, author of *West with the Night*, rival of Karen Blixen..... Page 37

TV LISTINGS

The media circus that has grown up around Aileen Wuornos, America's first woman serial killer, is explored in *True Stories* (Channel 4, 9.30pm)..... Page 47

OPINION

Bosnia seriously

Although delay has lengthened perilously the odds for the Vance-Owen plan, Lord Owen's plea for "carefully judged military action" in its support deserves an urgent response. The significance of Lady Thatcher's intervention may lie not so much in her specific proposals as in the challenge it presents to Western governments to come up with a serious Balkan policy..... Page 21

Classroom discipline

The government's classroom reforms still look vulnerable to sabotage. Faced with a blatant challenge to the office he holds, John Patten must now bring order to his own troubled classroom.

COLUMNS

PETER STOTHARD

Under the headline "Clincest", the magazine *The New Republic*, the Democrat weekly much read in Washington offices — — this week berates White House aides, lobbyists and journalists (including its own) for having shared too many houses, colleges, conferences, law-partners, marital beds — and thus, all importantly, having had the same internationalist political ideas..... Page 20

LETTERS

Anglican clergymen's rock-strewn path to Rome..... Page 21

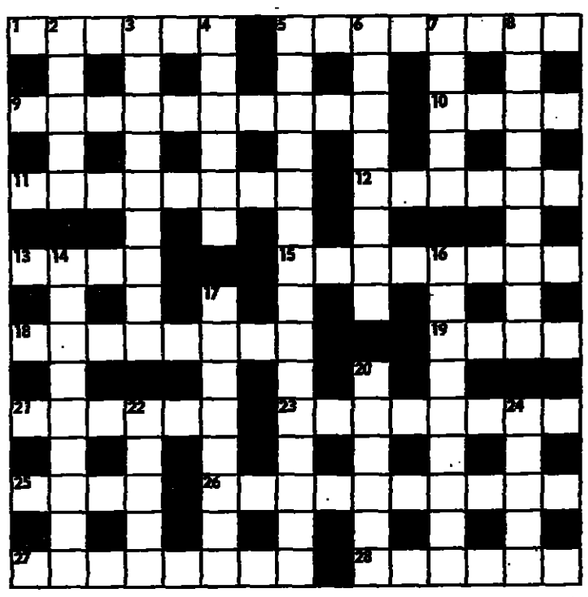
THE PAPERS

Serbs are storing up an immense reservoir of international disgust and disrespect that cannot fail to colour the way they will be held when the Yugoslav wars subside — *The Washington Post*

There is no longer a rational case for the US to withhold recognition of the Angolan government. Diplomatic relations would give a tangible boost to the government — and underscore American seriousness about cease-fire terms — *The New York Times*

The Times Knockando Crossword Championship 1993 Qualifying Puzzle

CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 19,205



Today we publish the qualifying puzzle for the annual Times Crossword Championship in association with *Knockando Pure Single Malt Scotch Whisky*.

Competition rules

Competitors may qualify by correctly solving and submitting this puzzle. They should complete the puzzle and entry form and post it with entry fee of £5 and stamped and addressed envelope by first class mail to Times Crossword Championship (to whom cheques should be made out), Green Farm, Sawley, Ripon, N Yorks, HG4 3EQ, so that the entry is postmarked not later than April 23. The solution will be published on April 26, and all competitors will be informed of the result not later than May 17, and whether they will be required to attempt the eliminator puzzle mentioned below.

Regional finals will be one-day (four puzzle) events as follows: Glasgow, Stakis Grosvenor Hotel (capacity 150 competitors), Sunday May 16; Leeds, Queen's Hotel (300), Sunday June 13; Bristol, Hilton International (200), Sunday June 27; London A and B, London Hilton, Park Lane (300), Saturday July 10, and Sunday July 11; Birmingham, Grand Hotel (300), Sunday August 1; National final, London Hilton, Sunday, September 12.

If the all-correct entries for any venue exceed the accommodation available, competitors will be required to attempt an eliminator puzzle which will be published (if it is needed) on Thursday, May 20. Competitors are warned that this will be a more than usually difficult puzzle but are reminded that incomplete (or only partly correct) solutions may well qualify, since only the least successful entries will be eliminated.

Competitors at a regional final may qualify for the National Final in the following way. The regional winner will qualify plus one additional competitor for every 60 competitors over the first 60; thus from 61-120 competitors two will qualify for the final, from 121-180 three will qualify, and so on. The qualifiers from the six regional finals will attend the National Final at the London Hilton, Park Lane, London, on Sunday, September 12. Prizes will include Times Knockando trophies and Knockando whiskies.

In the event of any dispute the decision of the Crossword Editor of *The Times* will be final. Employees of Times Newspapers Ltd may not compete.

ACROSS

1 Such blunders are holding a sailing man back (6).
5 Accomplished players, though not very bright (8).
9 Gain a stone possibly — *contend with that!* (10).
10 A once-respected figure is repeatedly put down (4).
11 No tea given, oddly enough (8).
12 Roofing material for specified church (6).
13 Elegant Greek character — cold too (4).
15 Wins support when opposed (8).
18 The imprisoning of insurgent by bluff king proved to be a bloomer (8).
19 A little natural gas is given off by seaweed (4).
21 Building on firm foundations (6).
23 Pass judgment on the delinquent in just a few words (8).
25 A conservative leader about to give ground (4).
26 Though not the best man, he'll clinch the match (10).
27 Here cars get broken up for scientific examination (8).
28 Humour causing some irritation (6).

DOWN

2 Limits the area where cattle may graze (5).
3 Alpinists's downfall, making a rapid descent (9).
4 Publicity is about over for this handsome youth (6).
5 Author of the novel "Dost Love Him Girl?" (6,9).
6 Concerned with current affairs (8).
7 Feature a far-away land (5).
8 Make a song about a charming woman changing . . . (9).
14 . . . despair has made her a cheat (9).
16 For a musician who's caught the spirit? (5-4).
17 Recall soldiers and arm (8).
20 A six-footer popular with the party (6).
22 Trains the first lady — note the result (5).
24 Near the end (5).

I enclose cheque/PO for £5, my entry fee for the 1993 Times Crossword Championship with stamped and addressed envelope (9"x4").

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Solution to Puzzle No 19,204

R	A	L	P	H	■	B	A	R	K	E	E	P	E	R
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WEATHER

Scotland will be mainly cloudy with some heavy rain. Winds will be strong becoming near gale force in the west. Northern Ireland may be dry at first but it will soon rain, with freshening southwesterly winds. It will rain in northern England and north Wales by evening. Elsewhere it will be generally dry with some sunny spells. Outlook: cloud and rain spreading south, followed by sunshine and showers.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain ds=dust storm

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	15	59	f	Madrid	11	52	c
Akrotiri	25	77	s	Majorca	11	52	r
Alex'dria	35	95	s	Malaga	18	64	f
Algiers	12	54	r	Malta	19	66	f
Amst'dm	13	55	s	Melb'rne	19	66	f
Athens	19	66	f	Miami*	28	82	s
Bahrain	26	79	s	Milan	14	57	f
Bangkok	31	88	f	Montreal*	7	45	c
Barbade*	30	86	f	Moscow	1	34	sn
Barcelna	15	59	f	Munich	13	55	f
Beirut	25	77	s	Naples	20	68	f
Belgrade	17	63	f	N York*	13	55	s
Berlin	14	57	f	Nice	14	57	s
Bermuda*	22	72	f	Oslo	9	48	s
Biarritz	9	48	f	Paris	10	50	r
Borde'x	13	55	f	Peking	20	68	s
Brussels	13	55	s	Perth	25	79	s
Budapst	10	50	c	Prague	14	57	f
B Aires*	28	82	s	Reykjavik	2	36	c
Cairo	37	99	s	Rhodes	23	73	s
Cape Tn	23	73	s	Rio de J	32	90	s
Chicago*	9	48	f	Riyadh	31	88	s
Ch'church	10	50	c	Rome	16	61	f
Cologne	14	57	f	Salzburg	14	57	f
C'phagn	9	48	s	S Fr'sco*	14	57	f
Corfu	21	70	s	Santiago*	12	54	r
Dublin	12	54	f	S Paulo*	27	81	c
Dubrovnik	20	68	s	Seoul	16	61	s
Faro	14	57	f	Sing'por	31	88	f
Florence	15	59	f	St'kholm	9	48	s
Frankfurt	14	57	f	Stresb'rg	12	54	c
Funchal	19	66	f	Sydney	20	68	r
Geneva	15	59	s	Tangier	13	55r	
Gibraltar	14	57r		Tel Aviv	34	93	s
Helsinki	5	41	s	Tenerife	20	68	f
Innsbruck	14	57	f	Tokyo	15	59	s
Istanbul	20	68	s	Toronto*	11	52	s
Jeddah	38	100	s	Tunis	19	66	f
Jo'burg*	15	59	s	Valencia	17	63	s
L Palmas	20	68	f	Vanc'ver*	7	45	r
Le Tquet	9	48	c	Venice	15	59	f
Lisbon	11	52	r	Vienna	14	57	f
Locarno	11	52	c	Warsaw	10	50	f
London	9	48	c	Wash'ton*	15	59	f
L Angels*	24	75	s	Wel'ton	11	52	c
Luxembg	8	46	r	Zurich	14	57	s
Luxor	38	100ds					

* denotes figures are latest available

ATTENDANCE FIGURES

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	1.9	0.01	7	45	cloudy
Anglesey	7.2	-	13	55	sunny
Aviemore	4.6	-	10	50	bright
Belfast	3.2	0.01	12	54	sunny
Birmingham	0.3	-	8	46	cloudy
Bognor Regis	6.1	0.01	12	54	thundr
Bournemouth	4.9	0.20	12	54	bright
Bristol	-	0.06	10	50	dull
Buxton	0.2	0.17	6	43	cloudy
Cardiff	0.9	0.22	9	48	cloudy
Clacton	6.6	-	10	50	sunny
Colwyn Bay	0.5	-	11	52	cloudy
Edinburgh	-	-	8	46	dull
Eskdalemuir	-	0.02	6	43	dull
Exmouth	0.8	0.07	10	50	cloudy
Falmouth	-	0.74	10	50	rain
Folkestone	7.9	-	11	52	sunny
Glasgow	-	0.12	8	46	rain
Guernsey	7.5	-	13	55	sunny
Hastings	5.4	-	13	55	bright
Isle Of Man	2.6	0.01	10	50	cloudy
Jersey	7.0	-	13	55	sunny
Kinloss	4.1	-	11	52	bright
Leeds	-	0.02	7	45	drizzle
Lerwick	9.9	-	8	46	sunny
Littlehampton	5.9	-	13	55	thundr
Liverpool	0.9	-	10	50	cloudy
London	1.8	-	13	55	bright
Manchester	1.2	0.05	11	52	cloudy
Margate	2.5	-	10	50	bright
Minehead	0.1	0.30	9	48	dull
Morecambe	-	0.09	9	48	rain
Newcastle	0.1	-	7	45	cloudy
Newquay	2.4	0.25	12	54	rain
Nottingham	-	0.05	8	46	dull
Penzance	4.6	0.04	13	55	bright
Plymouth	1.6	0.11	12	54	shower
Poole	3.5	0.14	12	54	sunny
Salcombe	2.4	0.21	11	52	shower
Sandown	4.8	0.04	11	52	sunny
Saunton Snd	2.1	0.16	13	55	cloudy
Scilly Isles	5.2	-	13	55	sunny
Southsea	5.4	-	12	54	bright
Stornoway	3.7	0.01	10	50	rain
Swanage	2.6	0.04	10	50	bright
Teignmouth	0.8	0.06	10	50	rain
Tenby	2.6	0.11	11	52	cloudy
Tiree	0.3	0.02	10	50	cloudy
Torquay	0.5	0.18	10	50	shower
Weymouth	2.7	0.24	11	52	bright
Wick	4.6	-	8	46	bright

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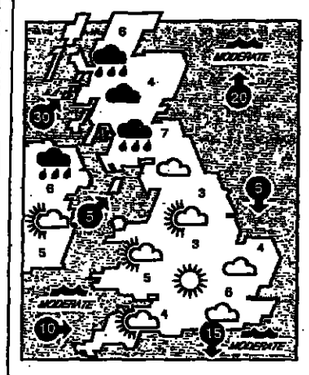
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LIGHTING-UP TIMES

London 8.27 pm to 5.35 am
Bristol 8.37 pm to 5.45 am
Edinburgh 8.49 pm to 5.38 am
Manchester 8.40 pm to 5.39 am
Penzance 8.46 pm to 5.59 am

Sun rises: 6.05 am
Sun sets: 7.57 pm
Moon rises 3.23 am
Moon sets 1.25 pm

Road Vehicles Lighting Regulations 1989: The hours of darkness are defined in these Regulations as the period between half an hour after sunset and half an hour before sunrise.

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	9	48	c	Guernsey	9	48	c
B'mgham	7	45	f	Inverness	12	54	s
Blackpool	9	48	s	Jersey	9	48	c
Bristol	7	45	c	London	9	48	c
Cardiff	8	46	c	M'chester	9	48	s
Edinburgh	8	46	s	Newcastle	8	46	s
Glasgow	7	45	c	R'aldsway	9	48	s

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TOD	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	9.11	5.09	9.26	5.07	Liverpool	6.46	7.03	7.43	7.00
Aberdeen	9.04	3.02	10.19	3.02	Lowestoft	5.43	2.00	5.09	2.00
Avonmouth	2.09	9.06	2.47	9.04	Margate	7.38	3.08	7.49	3.08
Belfast	6.50	2.09	7.43	2.07	Milford Haven	1.29	5.02	2.16	4.09
Cardiff	1.54	9.01	2.32	8.09	Newquay	12.29	5.03	1.16	5.00
Devonport	1.49	4.01	4.01	4.01	Oban	1.39	2.08	3.13	2.06
Dover	6.54	5.01	7.25	5.02	Penzance	12.2	4.03	1.06	4.01
Falmouth	12.13	4.01	1.19	3.09	Portland	12.52	1.04	1.39	1.02
Glasgow	7.45	4.00	8.39	3.08	Portsmouth	6.36	3.06	7.48	3.09
Harwich	7.19	3.02	7.39	3.00	Shoreham	6.31	4.05	7.29	4.07
Holyhead	6.11	4.04	7.19	4.02	Southampton	6.42	3.05	7.49	3.06
Hull	1.49	5.05	1.50	5.08	Swansea	1.25	7.03	2.07	7.00
Ilfracombe	1.14	6.08	1.55	6.05	Tees	11.23	4.03	4.03	4.05
King's Lynn	2.04	4.07	2.12	4.08	Wilton-on-Nze	7.19	3.04	7.41	3.03
Leith	10.14	4.02	11.12	4.03					

LONDON

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Tuesday: Highest day temp, Herstmonceux, East Sussex, 13C (55F); lowest day max Spaldwedam, Cumbria, 5C (41F); highest rainfall: Falmouth, Cornwall, 0.74in; highest sunshine: Lerwick, Shetland, 9.9hr.

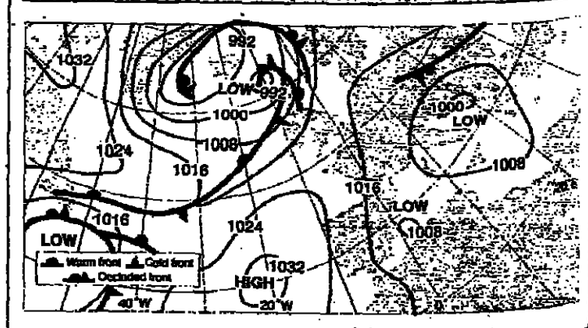
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MANCHESTER

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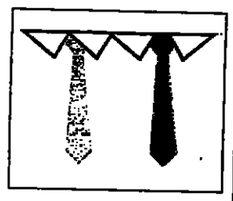
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US $..... 1.5532 (-0.0058)
German mark..2.4689 (+0.0056)
Exchange index.... 80.8 (+0.1)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100 .....2842.1 (-4.7)
Dow Jones .3455.37 (+11.34)*
Nikkei Avg...20533.38 (-206.91)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base..... 6%
3-month Interbank 5 15/16-5 13/16%
US Federal Funds..... 3 1/16%*
3-month Treas Bills 2.82-2.80%*
Long Bond..... 6.78%*

CURRENCIES

New York:	London:
£:$ 1.5530*	£:$ 1.5530
$:DM .1.5920*	£:DM ...2.4724
$:SWfr 1.4560*	£:SWfr...2.2607
$:Ffr . 5.3765*	£:Ffr 8.3370
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London Forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing ($):
AM 337.55 ..... PM 338.25
Close 339.00-339.40
New York:
Comex 339.55-340.05*

RETAIL PRICES

RPI..... 138.8 February (1.8%)
* Denotes midday trading price


ADRIAN BROOKES

Woman's best friend: Patsy Bloom, who founded Pet Plan Group, a pet insurance scheme, in 1977, won the Business Woman of the Year award sponsored by Veuve Clicquot yesterday. She had the idea after her dog ran up large veterinary bills. Today, Pet Plan has a turnover of £20 million.

Rising factory output fuels recovery hopes

BY JANET BUSH
ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

THE devaluation of sterling and lower interest rates appear to have boosted manufacturing industry, which has shown two months of healthy increases in activity across the board. Hopes are now growing that recovery in the key tradeable goods sector of the economy is under way.

The Central Statistical Office said yesterday that manufacturing output rose by 1.2 per cent in the three months to February — the measure it prefers to give a more accurate idea of underlying trends — compared with the previous three-month period and 1.5 per cent above the same three months a year ago.

The rise is the highest in any three months since early 1989. The CSO, conscious of false dawns in the early stages of recovery from previous recessions, emphasised that the figures simply confirmed that manufacturing had enjoyed two strong months.

Ole Black, the statistician overseeing the figures, nevertheless said that the CSO believes the underlying trend suggests manufacturing output is growing at about 3 per cent a year. Only last month, before the strong February figure and substantial upward revisions in January's output, the CSO had reckoned on an underlying growth rate of only 0.5 per cent.

Overall industrial production, including oil and other energy output, rose 0.3 per cent in the three months to February compared with the previous three months and was 1.2 per cent higher than a year ago. A fall in North Sea oil production held the overall rise back.

The strength of yesterday's figures surprised. Having "bumped along the bottom of the recession" at about the same level for nearly two years, manufacturing output appears to have risen above the trough to about the level of early 1991.

The largest rises were seen in chemicals, up 2.7 per cent in the last three months compared with the previous three, and in the engineering industries, where output rose by 1.6 per cent. In the electronics sector, output rose 4.5 per cent in the latest three months compared with the previous three and 8.6 per cent compared with a year ago. Without production of computers, the last two months would have seen a small fall in the electrical and electronics sector. The CSO said that investment goods industries output was 2.6 per cent higher in the three months to February compared with the previous three months.

A report out today from the Engineering Employers' Federation confirms that engineering output reached the bottom of its recession a year ago. The EEF said all sectors, except for aerospace equipment and metal goods, are expected to improve their real sales turnover by the first half of next year compared with the second half of last year.

In its latest Monthly Monetary Report, the Treasury suggests that the trend in unemployment may be improving although the jobless total may rise somewhat further in the months ahead.

Sterling ended at 80.8 (80.7) on its trade-weighted index.

☐ Three French commercial banks cut their base rates from 10 per cent to 9.75 per cent.

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Fayeds lose £70m on disposal of Sears stake

BY SARAH BAGNALL

THE Fayed brothers, owners of the heavily indebted House of Fraser department store chain, have made an estimated £70 million loss on the sale of their 10.3 per cent stake in Sears, the retail group.

The Egyptian brothers are estimated to have shelled out a further £50 million, net of dividends, to finance the shareholding, which was acquired in December 1987.

The 156 million shares were sold to Goldman Sachs at 100p a share, compared to the average price the Fayeds paid of 145p a share. The investment bank made a £1.56 million profit by selling the shares to institutional investors at 101p a share, a near 4 per cent discount to Sears' share price. The investment bank's profit compares with the £8 million SG Warburg made earlier this month from the placing of MB-Caradon's holding in Carnaud Metalbox.

The disposal of the Sears' stake comes two weeks before the retailer is due to reveal its results for 1992. The City is expecting Sears to announce pre-tax profits of between £95 million and £100 million, compared to £81.2 million last time. However, analysts are forecasting a cut in the final dividend from 3.8p to 2.5p, making a total for the year of 3.5p, a 35 per cent drop. As a result the Fayeds may have suffered a rise in the cost of financing the holding as the shortfall between dividends and interest rates widened.

The £156 million raised by the sale provides the Fayeds with urgently needed cash. Total debts at the end of January topped £775 million and House of Fraser is due to repay bank loans of £100 million in 1993-4 and £50 million in 1994-5. More than £560 million is scheduled for repayment in the following year, which is thought to include the loan set up by House of Fraser to finance the Sears share purchase, which cost £226 million.

The Fayeds are expected to meet their bankers later this month. However, Michael Cole, a House of Fraser director, stressed the company was in a fit financial state and was not facing any problems.

Rumours have been circulating in the City for a while that the Fayeds have been under pressure to make disposals to bolster House of Fraser's balance sheet. Speculation has been mounting that the Ritz hotel, in Paris, is up for sale as is the Barkers' shopping and office complex in Kensington, London.

However, attempts to put together a £300 million management buyout offer for 17 House of Fraser stores, excluding the Harrods flagship, have foundered. The Fayeds rejected the buyout because the price-tag for the stores, which include Army & Navy, DH Evans and Dickins & Jones, was too low.

The Fayeds also have the added uncertainty arising from their long-running legal action with Lonrho, the industrial conglomerate headed by Tiny Rowland. Lonhro is alleging that the Fayeds conspired to prevent it from gaining control of House of Fraser, which the brothers bought for £615 million in 1985.

The Fayeds have been ordered to attend a pre-court hearing before a High Court judge on May 10. The full trial is expected to start in January 1994.

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Jaguar roars out of recession

BY KEVIN EASON, MOTORING CORRESPONDENT

JAGUAR is emerging from four troubled years with a 16 per cent increase in sales. Figures for the first three months of 1993 show worldwide sales of the company's luxury saloons and sports cars increasing from 5,497, in the first quarter of 1992, to 6,374.

The company even managed a 33 per cent increase in Germany. In spite of the weak market caused by the onset of recession and problems over unification, Germans bought more than 530 Jaguars.

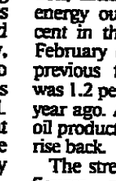
The increases were underpinned by a 29 per cent jump in sales in the US, Jaguar's most important single market. The company's performance there is vital to its survival. Jaguar is estimated to have lost £190 million before tax last year — its fourth consecutive year of falling sales.

Managers have achieved a major improvement in quality performance that allows them to offer buyers a three-year warranty on reliability. In the US, the company has even offered a unique money-back guarantee to underline its new-found confidence in the quality of the product.

Nick Scheele, the chairman, said: "The luxury car market remains very competitive but this has been a very positive start to the year for us. In the majority of markets, we have seen a significant increase in our share of the luxury sector. Our 1993 model range, the introduction of a three-year warranty and major improvements to quality have been important in sales growth."

While sales in the UK, where Jaguar has spent £6 million on advertising, were up 7 per cent at 1,622 cars, Belgium grew by 22 per cent, Switzerland by 24 per cent and Japan by 13 per cent to 368 cars in the quarter.

Transition to save the American dream


IRWIN STELZER

When George Bush took the oath of office as President in January 1989, some 117 million people were working at civilian jobs in the United States. Then came the recession and, during the current recovery, massive layoffs by IBM, General Motors and other fading blue chip companies. Yet 119 million Americans are now at work.

True, the unemployment rate rose, largely because, until recently, the civilian labour force grew more than the number of jobs. But the now-famous "downsizings" at America's largest companies give a misleading picture, obscuring core developments.

The American economy is in transition, and has been since Ronald Reagan loosened regulatory ties that were slowing adaptation to change. The current spate of layoffs by the Fortune 500 companies is merely a culmination of a trend away from corporate giantism that began with the emergence of takeover specialists in the 1980s. Those predators noticed that many large corporations had drifted into businesses they did not understand, were not responding to changing consumer demands in their core markets, and were hugely overmanned — dinosaurs too lumbering to react to the accelerated pace of change in markets that, paradoxically, were fragmenting at the same time that they were becoming truly global. Fragmentation stemmed from consumers' new demand for distinctive products, tailored to specific tastes and needs — no matter how inconvenient this might be for large firms accustomed to long production runs. Globalisation arose from overseas companies exploiting rapidly falling transport and communication costs to extend their reach into the lush American market.

The predators saw their opportunity and pounced. Using borrowed money, they bought control of one giant after another and sold parts that could be more efficiently and flexibly operated as independent, management-owned companies. They downsized too, by removing layers of bureaucracy, recognising that a good manager in search of information no longer needs to summon an aide; he can summon the data on a screen by tapping a few keys. Not every firm fell to the raiders. Some were simply too big, had ringed themselves with impregnable defences, or had lobbied state legislators to make takeovers virtually impossible. But market forces cannot forever be denied. Consumers cannot be forced into GM-made vehicles, or to buy IBM mainframe computers when small desktop machines will do the job. What the raiders could not accomplish, the market can — and did.

Large corporations, losing market shares to vibrant newcomers, are shedding workers. Small entrepreneurial companies are hiring them — but not all. Transitions have costs. Yet with only 21 per cent of the unemployed out of work for more than 27 weeks, and 65 per cent unemployed for less than 14 weeks, and with the safety net holding, the cost of this transition to a more efficient economy promises to be more than offset by the benefits.

American workers now out-produce their Japanese and European counterparts by a wide margin. Output per man-hour is rising in both manufacturing and service sectors — probably at twice the rate of the 1980s. This is due partly to delayed effects of computerisation, which are at last making themselves felt; partly to the intense competition that characterises most product markets in America; and partly to the absence of the rigid labour practices of Germany and France or the labour immobility for which Britain is famous.

The downsizing of America's biggest corporations is, in the end, a healthy shift of resources into more productive uses, frequently in smaller firms. During the 1980s, the Fortune 500 companies cut their workforces by 3.5 million, while small companies created more than 20 million new jobs. That trend has continued. The corporate giants now employ only about one out of every ten workers, down from one-in-five in the late 1960s and early 1970s.

This restructuring is painful to those caught in the transition, but generally not for long. If productivity continues to rise, the next generation, contrary to its bleak expectations, may continue the American tradition of living better than its parents.

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Confidence returns to financial services

By Ross Tieman, Industrial Correspondent

SIGNS of gathering recovery in Britain have been reinforced by evidence from the financial services sector.

Although the volume of transactions continued to weaken slightly in the first quarter, business confidence has risen faster than at any time in the past four years, according to a survey conducted by the Confederation of British Industry and Coopers & Lybrand, the acountant.

"Business volumes have almost stopped falling, income has increased and financial services companies expect activity to recover in the second quarter," the survey found.

More than 300 financial institutions, from banks and building societies to stockbrokers and venture capitalists, took part in the survey, held regularly since 1989.

Significantly, many of those questioned now expect business to increase in the three months to end-June. Fund managers, insurance brokers and securities traders have already experienced a pick-up, although venture capitalists and life insurers continue to report declines.

The competitiveness of Britain's financial community seems to have improved. Although respondents report an overall fall in business with industrial and commercial companies and with individuals, the level of work for overseas customers rose in the first quarter and is expected to remain on an upward trend.

Profitability also improved, a sign that the competitive squeeze may be easing. Although firms say competition and weak demand still constrain their activity, the survey found that "average fees, commissions and premiums grew strongly over the last quarter".

Costs fell for the sixth survey in a row and at a faster rate than in the previous quarter. Average operating costs per transaction fell for the eighth successive survey, and are set to continue falling.

There are few signs of hope on employment, however. The industry has seen massive job shedding during the recession, and although the sharp loss of staff recorded in the final months of 1992 eased slightly, substantial job cuts are still expected in the current quarter. Staff costs as a proportion of total costs continued on a strong downward trend, but there was some recovery in spending on training.

Uncertainty over the outlook continues to constrain investment. But spending on information technology — often enabling job reductions — is expected to increase at a faster rate over the next 12 months.

DENZIL McNEELANCE



Paper profits: Charles Wightman and Martin Hynes, finance director, reported improved results at Greenbank

Greenbank buys John Hartley for £1.6m

By Colin Campbell

WALKER Greenbank, the commercial and consumer wallcoverings and fabrics group, is taking over John Hartley (Cowling), the office seating and screening fabrics company, for a total of £1.6 million, to be paid for by the issue of 1.22 million shares.

Walker Greenbank is also issuing a further 3.1 million shares, placed at 70p each, to raise £2.17 million for use in the further development of John Hartley and to reduce aquired debt. Hartley reported sales of £2.5 million in the year to end-September on which it made a £37,000 loss. Net assets at year-end were £596,000.

Charles Wightman, Greenbank's chief executive, yesterday reported group pre-tax profits of £5.65 million (£5.43 million) for the year ended January 31 on a turnover of £56.2 million (£56.8 million).

Overseas sales at £12 million (£8.5 million) now account for 21 per cent of group turnover. France and Germany were strong markets.

The year's total distribution is held at 3.1p a share.

The accounts include, as an extraordinary item, £3.56 million received in settlement of litigation concerning the 1987 acquisition of Alkar, the shopfitting company.

Mr Wightman believes that even though the commercial wallcoverings market, currently worth £40 million, has declined by around 30 per cent since 1989, it still contains much pent-up demand, from which the group will eventually benefit.

He adds that there has been a higher demand in the first quarter of the current year, and that the group expects another year of progress.

The acquisition of John Hartley will raise group staff numbers by 34 to around 750.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Prior's share placing will wipe out debts

PRIOR, the property and architectural ironmongery group, is raising £2.4 million in a placing of 102.5 million shares with institutional investors at 2½p per share. Prior's bankers, owed £4.9 million, are to receive £1.7 million out of the placing's proceeds and in return for 600,000 new shares, have agreed to release Prior from all its obligations. The banks will also release Prior from the guarantee of a £12 million bank loan to a former subsidiary in return for a payment of £100,000. Completion of the placing will leave the group free of debt with £700,000 of cash in the bank.

Shareholders can subscribe for the shares being placed in open offer and James Prior, chairman, who controls 61 per cent of the company, has agreed not to subscribe for 42.8 million shares to which he is entitled. Each existing share is being converted into a new share of 1p and one deferred share of 9p. The deferred shares will be rendered valueless.

Scots confidence rises

BUSINESS confidence rose in Scotland during the first quarter, according to the Scottish Chambers' Business Survey. High street sales were rising again, tourism was up, there was a small increase in construction, and orders and sales in manufacturing appeared to rise. However, the survey of 1,200 firms in March showed no evidence of any general improvement in employment prospects and investment plans have been revised down by manufacturers and builders.

Friendly falls further

FRIENDLY Hotels suffered a further fall in pre-tax profits in 1992 to £2.54 million (£3.89 million) but is raising the total dividend to 5.7p (5.5p) with a 3.5p final (3.3p). Henry Edwards, chairman, said: "Trading has slowly improved in the early part of the year, but one is reluctant to express optimism." The group wrote off £2.16 million on the sale of restaurants and care homes, but the charge did not affect pre-tax profits. Earnings slipped to 11.4p a share (15.5p).

Zeneca backs Quorn

IMPERIAL Chemical Industries' Zeneca division said it is to invest £26.5 million in a new production facility for Quorn, its low-fat, vegetable-based protein food. Construction of a second fermenter in Cleveland should be completed by 1995 and increase Quorn production to 14,000 tonnes a year, enabling sales to be extended in Germany, the Netherlands and Belgium and launched in countries such as France and Italy. Quorn is marketed by Marlow Foods.

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BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT Beaufort House, 15 St Botolph Street, London EC3A 7JJ. 071 247 4542 Dealing: 071 247 7474				
Fellowship Tst	62.12	66.09*	-0.13	0.90
-do- Acc	70.03	74.50	-0.15	0.90
Income Fund 5	214.00	227.70	+0.40	3.96
-do- Acc	486.60	517.70	-0.90	3.96
Inv Portfolio	66.58	69.00	-0.18	1.97
-do- Acc	75.18	77.91	-0.20	1.97
Smaller Cos	120.60	128.30	-0.10	1.98
-do- Acc	144.80	154.10	-0.10	1.98
High Inc P folio	59.23	61.93	-0.30	4.67
BURRAGE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 117 Fenchurch St, London EC3M 5AL 071 488 7216				
Sht Gilt Fxd Int	66.43	67.30*	-0.10	5.47
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD PO Box 105, Manchester M60 0AH 061 837 5060				
Environ	132.70	141.20	-0.40	1.70
UK Growth	145.00	154.30	-0.80	2.05
UK Income	120.30	127.90*	+0.30	4.23
CANNON FUND MANAGERS 1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB 081 902 8876				
SE Asia	78.26	83.70*	-2.30	1.09
Growth	43.85	46.90	-0.31	3.05
Income	52.46	56.11	-0.05	4.33
Far East	46.02	49.22*	-0.05	0.16
North American	78.10	83.75*	-0.30	0.01
Global	79.81	85.36*	+0.61	0.77
European	67.91	72.63*	-0.37	1.73
Japan	106.60	113.00	-1.20	0.01
Intl Currency Bd	57.44	60.89*	-0.06	5.27
UK Cap Gwth	75.86	81.13*	-0.80	2.06

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CAPEL-CURE MYERS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 35 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF Enquiries: 061 236 5685 Dealing: 061 236 5362				
Capability Trusts				
American Gen	124.80	132.80*	-1.40	0.15
-do- Acc	132.70	141.20	-1.50	0.15
European	65.46	69.35	-0.16	1.03
-do- Acc	67.85	71.88	-0.17	1.03
Far East Gen	61.00	64.90*	-0.68	...
-do- Acc	61.00	64.90	-0.68	...
Glenfriars	241.80	257.30*	+3.30	0.95
-do- Acc	272.20	289.60	+3.70	0.95
Growth	371.90	397.80*	+0.30	2.66
-do- Acc	636.60	680.90	+0.50	2.66
Income Growth	371.40	395.20	-0.20	4.06
-do- Acc	493.90	525.50	-0.30	4.06
Master Portfolio	9279.0	9606.0*	+14.00	2.76
-do- Acc	10768.0	11147.0	+17.00	2.76
Special Sits	85.30	90.75	...	2.55
-do- Acc	99.82	106.20	...	2.55
Exempt Fund				
High Yield	1197.0	1236.0	+1.00	4.52
-do- Acc	1387.0	1430.0	+1.00	4.52
CAPEL (JAMES) UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU 071 955 5050. Dealing: 071 955 5055				
American Index	185.70	197.70	+0.90	1.67
Capital	523.50	557.60*	+0.40	2.39
Eurotrack 100	127.20	135.40	-0.30	1.53
Euro Gth	79.29	84.42	-0.32	1.37
Far East Growth	86.27	92.06	+0.58	0.14
Global Bond	23.00	24.25	+0.06	5.90
Hong Kong	73.18	78.09	+4.13	0.58
Income	492.40	525.50*	-0.10	4.58
Intl Growth	71.92	76.75	+0.04	0.99
Japan Growth	253.40	270.40	-4.40	...
Japan Smllr Cos	31.30	33.40	-0.01	...
Japan Index	73.99	78.96	-1.17	0.24
Nth American	402.40	430.50*	+1.30	1.00
S'pore Mly Gth	48.09	51.32	+0.15	...
The Footsie Fd	106.60	112.50	+0.10	2.62
Tiger Index	130.30	139.00	+2.10	0.72
Trixie Index	101.00	107.70*	+0.10	2.67
UK Index	121.20	129.30	-0.10	3.01
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 3 Copthall Avenue, London EC2R 7BH 071 606 0708				
American P folio	80.34	85.92	...	1.00
European P folio	72.06	76.52*	...	1.38
Japanese P folio	61.16	64.89	-0.61	...
Pacific P folio	92.16	99.10	+1.01	2.43
Cazenove P folio	69.11	73.92	...	3.00
UK Income Gth	61.35	65.86*	...	5.80
Utility & Bond	50.73	51.39	...	7.00
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ 071 588 1815				
Investment Fd	605.20	612.50	...	4.72
Fixed Int	155.75	156.30	...	9.28
Deposit	5.75	...	5.88	...
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ 071 588 1815				
Income	590.99	597.49	...	5.00
-do- Acc	2331.6	2357.6	...	...
Deposit	5.70	...	5.82	...
Fxd Int Inc	127.00	127.01	...	9.13
-do- Acc	167.75	167.79	...	...
CITY FINANCIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge, SE1 071 407 5966				
City Fin Assets	61.53	64.77*	-0.40	2.33
Beckman Intl	80.31	84.74	...	3.13
Friars Hse Inc	176.66	189.96	-2.05	6.13
Friars Hse Cap	247.31	265.92	-0.03	2.74
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon CR0 2AQ. Enquiries: 081 681 2222 Dealing: 081 686 9815				
Japan Gth Acc	39.55	42.07	-0.51	...
Managed	61.53	65.46	+0.02	2.83
-do- Acc	74.31	79.05	+0.03	2.83
Smaller Cos	32.57	34.65	-0.02	2.19
-do- Acc	36.70	39.04	-0.02	2.19
UK General	67.81	72.14	+0.19	2.67
-do- Acc	81.30	86.49	+0.22	2.67
Wwide Bd	61.33	65.17*	-0.19	6.33
-do- Acc	78.89	83.92	-0.25	6.33
Wwide Sp Sits	55.01	58.83	-0.36	0.17
-do- Acc	57.31	61.39	-0.39	0.17
Quilter General	118.51	126.07*	-0.23	2.71
-do- Acc	131.68	140.09	-0.27	2.71
Quilter Income	92.16	98.04*	-0.10	4.28
-do- Acc	113.58	120.83	-0.12	4.28
Quilter Intl	125.71	133.73	+0.66	0.63
-do- Acc	127.44	135.57	+0.67	0.63
Quilter UK Spec	67.73	72.05	-0.15	2.10
-do- Acc	89.60	95.32	-0.19	2.10
CU Prestige Fund Management				
Deposit	91.60	91.60*	+0.01	5.33
-do- Acc	91.60	91.60*	+0.01	5.33
Fin Property	101.54	108.02	-0.01	1.37
Fixed Conv	41.27	43.90	+0.07	7.91
-do- Acc	107.84	114.72	+0.18	7.91
Equity Inc	144.62	153.95	-1.16	3.89
-do- Acc	464.24	493.87	-3.73	3.89
High Yield	117.51	125.01*	-1.32	5.17
-do- Acc	444.32	472.68	-5.03	5.17
Preference	46.89	49.88*	+0.02	7.80
-do- Acc	240.75	256.12	-0.13	7.80
PPT Europe	149.55	158.67*	+0.61	0.97
PPT Mthly Inc Plus	47.02	50.02*	+0.04	8.12
PPT Global Bnd	80.48	85.49*	-0.24	5.55
PPT Gold Com	50.12	53.32	-0.53	...
PPT Oriental Gth	52.72	56.09*	+0.66	0.71
PPT Far East Gth	101.44	107.91*	+0.40	0.34
PPT Japan	113.23	120.46	-2.50	...
PPT N Amer	144.07	153.27*	+0.74	0.06
PPT UK Gth	114.52	121.83	-0.34	2.17
EAGLE STAR UNIT MANAGERS Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ 0242 577 555				
Oriental Op Acc	74.11	78.84	+1.67	1.00
Japanese Acc	58.68	62.43	-0.74	...
UK Balncd Inc	124.60	132.60	+0.70	2.53
-do- Acc	145.50	154.90	+0.90	2.53
UK Growth Acc	204.20	217.20	+0.90	2.32
UK High Inc	133.00	141.50	-0.50	6.71
-do- Acc	157.00	167.00	-0.50	6.71
N America Acc	108.10	115.00	+0.20	0.34
European Acc	151.60	161.30	+1.00	0.43
UK Pref F/I Inc	60.75	64.44	+0.06	8.77
-do- Acc	98.02	104.00	+0.10	8.77
Intl Sp Sits Acc	46.49	49.46	-0.30	0.23
Environmntl Opp	70.81	75.33*	+0.03	1.47
EDINBURGH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Donaldson House, 97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh EH12 5HD. 031 313 1000				
American	108.20	115.00	+0.80	...
UK Smllr Cos	184.40	195.90	...	1.38
Eurofund	36.86	39.73	+0.13	1.01
Mngd Exempt	162.20	169.10*	-0.40	3.10
Growth Inc	208.80	221.90	-0.80	4.06
High Dist	136.50	145.00	+0.10	5.97
International	312.70	332.20	...	0.98
Intl Income	79.34	84.70*	-0.53	3.07
Pacific	54.55	57.86	+0.51	1.52
Smllr Jap Cos	63.79	67.78	-0.02	...
Tokyo	193.70	205.90	-2.60	...
Japan Exempt	110.90	113.50	-1.90	0.44
Sm Jap Exempt	517.30	531.50	-23.80	0.09

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Formerly Target				
American Eagle	118.30	125.70	+1.10	0.23
Australia	7.073	7.515	+0.086	1.07
Equity	182.30	193.70	-0.10	4.40
Euro Spec Sits	140.50	148.80	+0.40	0.58
Financial	39.46	41.93	+0.17	2.90
Global Opps Inc	86.95	92.38	+0.36	2.18
-do- Acc	90.13	95.76	+0.38	2.16
Gold Gen Inc	41.49	44.08	+0.24	0.98
-do- Acc	79.16	84.11	+0.47	0.98
Income	118.30	125.70	-0.10	4.90
Japan General	148.80	158.10	-1.90	...
Preference	21.35	22.68*	+0.06	8.01
UK Capital	100.60	106.90	+0.30	3.16
Worldwide Cap	193.10	205.20	+0.30	3.14
World Income	81.81	86.92	+0.15	3.49
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT 41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU 071 373 7261				
Endurance	169.40	180.20	...	1.11
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks, HP21 7QW 0296 431480				
Pelican	102.15	107.53*	-0.09	3.44
High Income	118.85	125.10	-0.34	4.95
Tst of Inv Tsts	140.18	147.56	+0.19	2.18
Special Sits	82.17	86.49	-0.03	3.01
North American	101.90	107.26	+0.85	0.95
Far Eastern	227.18	239.14	+3.09	1.46
Intl Growth	89.41	94.12*	+0.17	1.43
European	63.02	66.34	-0.09	2.22
Smaller Cos	68.73	72.35	-0.11	2.21
FAMILY INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD 16 West Street, Brighton, BN1 2RE 0273 328 707				
United Charities	218.10	231.90*	-4.70	3.47
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ. 0800 414181				
Cash Unit Tst	100.00	100.00	...	5.50
European Tst	111.40	118.50	+0.60	...
High Income	24.70	25.99*	+0.04	5.70
FOREIGN & COLONIAL 8th Floor, Exchange Hse, Primrose St, London EC2A 2NY. 071 628 8000				
European	92.16	97.93	+0.28	0.86
Far Eastern	130.50	139.60	+0.20	...
Overseas Income	86.87	93.23	+0.26	2.82
UK Growth	91.34	97.69	+0.40	1.33
UK Income	99.76	106.70	-0.30	3.90
US Smaller Cos	230.50	246.50	+0.50	...
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT 155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT 071 374 4100				
Am Smllr Co	401.70	429.50	+1.10	...
-do- Acc	410.40	438.80	+1.20	...
Capital	279.20	296.90	-0.30	2.14
-do- Acc	388.80	413.50	-0.30	2.14
Conti Smllr Cos	46.99	50.59	+0.17	0.97
-do- Acc	48.62	52.34	+0.17	0.97
Convertible	109.00	115.90	+0.30	6.67
-do- Acc	201.80	214.60	+0.70	6.67
European	96.58	103.10	+0.70	1.12
-do- Acc	99.90	106.60	+0.80	1.12
Extra Income	284.60	302.70	+0.40	4.47
-do- Acc	398.40	423.70	+0.50	4.47
Financial	103.30	110.90	+0.40	0.73
-do- Acc	107.50	115.50	+0.50	0.73
Health Fund Inc	99.90	106.70	-0.20	...
-do- Acc	99.90	106.70	-0.30	...
Income Tst	175.70	186.80	+0.40	3.76
-do- Acc	244.90	260.50	+0.70	3.76
Intl Growth	297.40	317.40	+0.40	...
-do- Acc	330.30	352.50	+0.40	...
Japan Gen	164.20	175.50	-0.20	...
-do- Acc	166.80	177.30	-0.10	...
Mngd P folio Inc	88.05	92.68	+0.09	1.05
-do- Acc	92.30	97.15	+0.09	1.05
Monthly Income	143.90	153.00	...	4.60
Recovery	276.80	296.00	-0.40	0.88
-do- Acc	324.20	346.60	-0.50	0.88
Gilt Gth Tst	61.26	63.17	-0.05	6.56
-do- Acc	79.11	81.58	-0.07	6.56
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts, SP1 3SH Dealing: 0722 411411 Administration: 0722 411622				
Equity Dist	343.31	366.22	+2.04	2.88
-do- Acc	693.17	737.41	+4.12	2.88
Euro Gth Dist	103.76	110.38	+1.04	0.87
-do- Acc	106.86	113.68	+1.07	0.87
Fixed Int Dist	131.35	139.94*	+0.06	6.27
-do- Acc	220.68	233.42*	+0.10	6.27
Intl Gth Dist	74.39	79.14	+0.63	0.83
-do- Acc	76.96	81.87	+0.66	0.83
Nth Amer Dist	162.65	172.32	+0.38	0.75
-do- Acc	176.39	186.87	+0.41	0.75
Pac Basin Dist	231.35	246.12	+3.03	0.32
-do- Acc	235.00	250.00	+3.08	0.32
Stewardship Dist	293.49	312.22	+0.09	1.92
-do- Acc	347.23	369.39	+0.11	1.92
Stwd Inc Dist	61.29	65.20	-0.04	3.61
-do- Acc	75.10	79.89	-0.05	3.61
N Am Stwd Dist	93.68	99.66	-0.37	...
-do- Acc	99.10	105.43	-0.38	...
GT UNIT MANAGERS 8th Floor, 8 Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ. 071 220 4567. Dealing: 071 626 9431				
Am Sp Sits	131.30	140.50*	-0.20	...
European	391.80	416.30*	-1.80	1.02
Far East General	210.60	225.30	+2.50	0.32
Germany	97.04	103.60	-0.10	0.44
Global Assets In	66.01	70.54	+0.15	2.20
Global Assets Ac	69.16	73.91	+0.16	2.26
Income Inc	112.70	120.60*	-0.40	7.29
International	265.20	272.90*	+0.20	1.02
Intl Income	76.88	81.70	+0.21	4.89
Japan General	348.20	370.10*	-0.40	...
Smllr Cos Div	44.98	48.11	+0.08	6.31
UK Capital Inc	153.90	164.60	+0.10	4.05
-do- Acc	263.30	281.60	+0.20	3.99
Uk Spec Sits	70.90	75.83	+0.33	1.68
US General	112.90	120.30	+1.10	0.11
W wide Spec Sits	111.20	119.00	...	0.11
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS Gartmore House, 16/18 Monument Street, London EC3R 8AJ. 071 623 1212 Dealing: 0277 264421. Services: 0800 289 336				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	43.28	46.29	-0.17	1.66
Cash Trust*	128.11	128.11*	+0.02	4.65
Pract Inv Inc	100.62	107.80*	+0.27	3.96
-do- Acc	215.80	231.42*	+0.59	3.96
UK Smaller Cos	95.27	102.17	-1.04	1.47
Income Funds				
Preference Share	25.05	26.79	-0.27	7.84
High Inc	30.98	33.13	-0.04	5.04
UK Equity Inc	127.52	136.39	-0.35	3.89
Global Bond	26.88	29.72*	-0.04	5.43
International Funds				
Gold Intl	67.64	72.54	-1.85	1.35
Frontier Markets	38.59	41.38*	-1.00	0.42
Global Inc Gth	115.51	123.40*	+0.13	2.23
Uk Intl	108.75	116.31	+0.36	0.67
Overseas Funds				
American	124.22	132.48	-0.21	0.55
European	80.04	84.94*	+0.14	0.71
Euro Sel Opps	91.90	97.93	+0.23	0.85
American Emerg	74.94	80.36	-1.00	...
Hong Kong	105.61	113.25*	+5.99	2.05
Japan	206.09	220.13	-3.26	...
Pacific Growth	141.35	151.58	+3.69	0.46

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GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR. 071 378 7979 Dealing: 071 588 0526				
Intl Growth	121.14	129.56	+0.50	0.37
American Gth	113.34	121.22	-0.09	...
European Gth	67.81	72.23	+0.49	0.42
German Horizn	...	...	...	...
Japan Gth	74.26	79.43	-0.53	...
Pacific Inc	128.69	137.63	+1.63	2.85
Pacific Strategy	106.62	114.03	+1.29	0.25
UK Prog Inc	78.14	80.36	+0.09	4.61
Gt British Cos	48.08	50.67	-0.31	2.70
UK Small Cos	42.98	45.96	-1.08	2.12
GRE UNIT MANAGERS 36 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GB 071 538 9668				
Cash	130.70	130.70	...	5.01
Gilt Fixed	120.70	128.00	-0.20	6.44
Growth Equity	282.00	301.20	-2.10	2.10
Guardhill	416.00	444.40	+2.60	2.35
Income Trust	108.20	115.50	+0.50	3.37
International	152.30	162.70*	-0.60	0.36
Japan Trust	119.00	127.10	-2.00	...
Nth American	246.50	263.30	+0.70	0.47
Pacific	358.40	382.90	+9.80	...
European	336.40	359.30	+4.90	0.57
HALIFAX STANDARD TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 600, Edinburgh EH15 1EW 0800 838868				
Global Adv Inc	34.39	36.46	+0.10	1.79
-do- Acc	36.00	38.16	+0.10	1.79
Inc Adv Inc	29.27	31.03*	+0.10	4.19
-do- Acc	30.43	32.26	-0.20	4.19
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 690390				
Canadian	68.90	73.81	-0.11	0.99
Equity Income	112.00	119.10	+0.40	3.56
European	131.70	139.40*	+0.40	0.87
Intl Situation	73.22	77.89	+0.28	...
Japanese	137.50	145.90	-1.50	...
North American	94.38	100.10	+0.10	0.06
Standinavian	104.80	110.80	+1.60	0.46
Smaller Cos	28.63	30.46	-0.59	2.30
HENDERSON PO Box 2157, Kings House, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4ET Enquiries: 0277 263298 Dealing: 0277 234772				
Amer Smaller	85.23	91.14*	+0.33	...
Asian Enterprise	116.25	125.72	+1.48	1.02
Australian	132.01	141.11*	+1.28	1.55
European	363.32	384.42	+1.27	1.12
European Inc	68.73	72.67	+0.28	3.45
Euro Smi Co	120.78	129.37	+0.40	1.13
Extra Income	253.84	270.22*	-0.04	5.04
Family of Funds	67.83	72.41	+0.21	1.34
Fixed Interest	55.40	59.24*	+0.04	8.78
Global Resour	87.68	94.11	-0.36	1.19
High Inc	279.43	298.70	+0.13	4.76
Income Gth	232.59	247.70	+0.30	4.11
-do- Acc	585.30	623.33	+0.74	4.11
International	219.53	233.67*	-0.37	1.02
Japan Spc Sit	221.80	235.86	-1.97	...
Japan	191.79	203.88	-1.63	...
N Amer	214.90	228.66	+1.05	0.17
Pacific Smllr Cos	165.83	179.79*	+1.40	0.63
Pref Gilt	46.44	50.4b	...	8.49
Smaller Cos Div	156.50	170.57	+0.27	4.84
Special Sits	247.52	264.84*	+0.90	2.21
-do- Acc	381.40	408.09*	+1.39	2.21
Best of British	54.16	58.04	+0.12	2.73
Spirit of the East	56.86	59.78*	-0.24	0.52
HILL SAMUEL UT MANAGERS NLA Tower Addiscombe Road, Croydon 081 686 4355				
British	86.78	92.81	+0.14	2.34
Capital	152.30	162.80	+0.10	1.98
Dollar	296.40	317.00	+0.70	0.17
European	190.10	203.30	+0.70	0.55
Far East	221.50	236.80	+1.80	0.64
Financial	657.10	702.70*	+1.40	2.53
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	25.97	26.98	+0.03	7.95
High Yield	99.02	105.90	+0.10	4.92
Income	132.00	141.10	-1.10	3.52
Intl	206.60	220.90	-1.10	0.37
Japan Tech	66.07	70.66	-0.52	...
Nat Resources	54.36	58.13	+0.40	0.81
Security	289.80	309.90*	-1.90	2.13
Smaller Cos	103.40	110.80*	+0.20	1.64
Special Sits	132.60	141.80*	+0.40	2.10
US Smaller Cos	58.99	63.09	+0.31	...
IBI FUND MANAGERS 36 Queen St, London, EC4R 1BN 071 489 8673				
Brit O'seas	237.90	250.40	+2.40	1.46
Capital Gwth	98.83	104.00	...	2.54
Inv Trusts	124.30	130.80	...	0.72
INVESCO MIM UT MANAGERS 11 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YR 071 626 3434. Dealing: 0800 010733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
Smaller Cos	23.84	25.10	-0.02	1.68
Special Features	26.21	27.84*	+0.08	1.47
-do- Acc	30.90	32.92*	+0.10	1.45
General Funds				
UK Growth	51.86	55.55	+0.08	1.43
Assets Earnings	69.51	73.85	+0.13	1.86
do Acc	81.60	86.79	+0.16	1.86
Managed Invest	83.51	89.24	+0.02	1.22
Rupert Children	74.48	79.45*	+0.21	1.06
High Income Funds				
Cashbox	50.37	50.37*	...	4.50
Extra Inc	77.68	83.20	+0.05	4.55
Gilt	28.13	29.61	-0.02	6.52
Income Gth	38.27	40.96	-0.01	3.51
Miistar	75.34	77.10*	+0.17	7.87
Preference	17.65	19.31	+0.06	6.18
UK Income	299.50	320.20*	+0.10	3.09
Sector Specialist Funds				
Finci Sec	55.21	58.66	-0.24	1.30
Property Shares	57.84	61.45*	-0.40	2.18
Exempt Funds				
Exempt	140.40	147.80	-0.30	3.57
European Acc	108.40	115.10	+0.40	1.74
European Dist	103.40	109.60	+0.40	1.76
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Gth	46.86	49.84*	+0.06	1.03
European Perf	105.90	112.30	+0.60	1.08
-do- Acc	107.90	114.40	+0.60	1.08
Euro Small Cos	20.62	21.94	+0.08	0.74
French Growth	67.76	72.04	+0.49	0.40
-do- Acc	72.39	77.01	+0.52	0.40
Hong K/China	65.14	70.08	+2.90	1.26
Intl Growth	49.33	52.30	+0.01	0.76
-do- Acc	49.23	52.30	+0.01	0.76
Japan Perf	33.17	35.21	-0.30	...
Accum Units	33.17	35.21	-0.30	...
Japan Smllr Cos	34.34	36.52	-0.19	...
Singapore A'Scan	70.50	76.39	-0.91	0.43
-do- Acc	70.93	76.86	+0.91	0.43
South East Asia	208.70	223.50*	+3.60	1.09
US Smllr Cos	99.10	105.20	-0.50	...
-do- Acc	100.20	106.40	-0.40	...
Overseas Income Funds				
Global Inc	81.60	86.99	+0.13	2.56
Intl Bond	56.03	56.77*	-0.05	6.33
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUST LTD 10 Fenchurch Street, London EC3 071 956 6600. Dealing: 071 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Cash Acc*	64.08	69.42*	+0.01	5.09
Extra Income	50.35	53.50*	-0.16	6.83
Gilt Yield	119.20	125.70*	-0.40	7.33
Global Income	193.90	206.20	+3.86	4.25
High Yield	127.90	136.10*	-0.22	6.08

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Smllr Cos Div	45.57	48.48	-0.14	4.50
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	87.79	93.39	+1.26	...
North American	73.44	78.13	+0.52	0.41
European	127.40	135.50	+0.20	0.86
Euro Special	77.02	81.94	+0.26	0.94
General	259.20	275.70	-0.20	3.24
Japan	386.70	411.40	-1.90	...
Japanese Special	206.10	219.30	-2.40	...
Master Acc	209.20	222.60	+1.30	1.39
Pacific	248.50	264.40*	+4.00	0.61
Smaller Cos	96.82	103.00	+2.68	2.04
UK Equity Gth	34.28	36.47	-0.83	1.78
LAS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 113 Dundas St, Edinburgh EH3 5EB 031 550 5151				
European	72.38	77.00	+0.20	0.91
Extra Income	23.50	25.00*	-0.17	3.27
Far East	25.50	27.13*	-0.10	0.97
Income Gwth	71.00	75.53*	+0.26	2.67
Intl Growth	49.92	53.11*	+0.09	0.78
Japan	61.34	66.26	-0.42	...
Maximum Dist*	100.90	102.90	...	6.95
N Amer Equity	37.66	40.06	+0.13	0.50
UK Equity	84.87	90.29	+0.45	2.91
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1 White Hart Yard, London SE1. 071 407 5966				
Income Gth Inc	52.08	55.41	-0.42	4.51
LEGAL & GENERAL UT MANAGERS 5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood Essex Enq: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690395				
Equity Dist	413.80	440.30	+0.90	2.94
Equity Acc	785.50	835.60	+1.70	2.94
Equity Income	89.85	95.59	-0.01	5.17
European	93.57	99.54	+0.42	1.72
Far Eastern	170.00	180.90	+0.80	0.32
Fixed Interest	51.19	54.46*	-0.01	7.40
Gilt	90.41	95.87*	-0.06	7.00
Global Growth	63.40	67.46	+0.23	0.77
Intl Bond	54.65	58.14	-0.03	5.00
Japanese	65.90	70.11	-0.76	...
Overseas Equity	92.15	98.03	+0.04	0.81
Pacific Gth	79.24	84.30*	+0.92	1.33
LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Mountbatten Hse, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF 0634 834313				
Balanced	340.80	330.70	+1.20	2.77
-do- Acc	673.10	716.10	+2.60	2.77
Cont Euro Gth	50.21	52.86	-0.21	1.36
-do- Acc	53.09	55.89	-0.22	1.36
Extra Inc	233.50	248.50	-2.90	3.74
-do- Acc	567.80	604.10	-7.20	3.74
German Gth	99.99	105.30	+0.10	0.25
-do- Acc	104.90	110.50	+0.10	0.25
Growth Port	476.60	506.70	+1.50	0.69
-do- Acc	476.60	506.70	+1.50	0.69
Income	441.70	469.90	+0.70	3.53
-do- Acc	1119.0	1191.0	+2.00	3.53
Income Port	484.30	515.30	+0.70	4.94
-do- Acc	484.30	515.30	+0.70	4.94
Japan Growth	90.88	96.69	-1.58	0.01
-do- Acc	91.20	97.03	-1.58	0.01
Master Trust	50.55	53.78	+0.11	1.45
-do- Acc	54.98	58.49	+0.11	1.45
N American Gen	172.50	183.60	+0.70	0.01
-do- Acc	199.20	212.00	+0.70	0.01
NAm Sm Co Rec	125.30	133.40	+0.40	0.01
-do- Acc	127.90	136.10	+0.30	0.01
Pacific Basin	189.90	202.10	+1.20	0.56
-do- Acc	200.70	213.60	+1.30	0.56
Small Cos Rec	301.60	317.50	+10.30	2.37
-do- Acc	389.10	409.60	+13.30	2.37
UK Growth	77.07	81.99	+1.52	2.17
-do- Acc	89.86	95.60	+1.78	2.17
Worldwide Gth	267.60	284.70	+3.80	0.30
-do- Acc	394.30	419.50	+5.60	0.30
LONDON & MANCHESTER Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS 0392 282673				
General	76.37	81.94	+0.45	3.00
Income	59.00	63.23*	+0.26	6.10
International	54.77	58.77	+0.16	0.80
American	56.60	60.73	+0.05	0.40
Japan	50.37	54.05	-0.52	...
Tst of Inv Trusts	53.37	57.26*	+0.41	2.00
M & G SECURITIES LTD Victoria Rd, Chelmsford CM1 1FB Customer Services/Unit Dealing: 0245 390390				
American Gen	371.50	392.10	+1.10	0.86
-do- Acc	458.40	483.80	+1.30	0.86
American Rec	393.70	416.30	+2.00	0.24
-do- Acc	450.40	476.30	+2.30	0.24
Am Sm Co Acc	111.20	117.60	+0.60	0.02
Australia Acc	141.50	149.60	+1.90	1.43
Capital	627.10	663.20	-9.10	2.75
-do- Acc	692.00	731.80	-10.10	2.75
Commodity Acc	396.90	419.80	-2.60	0.89
Compnd Gth	797.60	843.90	+4.30	2.97
Dividend	34.00	36.00	+0.20	4.39
-do- Acc	132.30	140.00	+0.50	4.39
Equity Inc	277.40	293.40	+0.30	5.10
European Div	57.30	60.70	+0.90	4.34
-do- Acc	64.80	68.60	+0.60	4.34
European Gen	376.00	397.60	+4.10	1.66
-do- Acc	409.80	490.70	+5.10	1.66
Extra Yield	356.50	377.00*	+0.90	4.44
-do- Acc	1062.5	1102.5	+2.70	4.44
Far Eastern	271.50	287.10	+2.50	0.97
-do- Acc	357.20	377.70	+3.30	0.97
Fund of Inv	482.90	510.70	+2.40	2.27
-do- Acc	871.40	921.50	+4.20	2.27
General	52.10	55.10	+0.20	3.60
-do- Acc	137.20	145.30	+0.60	3.60
Gilt Fxd Int	62.60	62.60	+0.20	7.88
do Acc	154.50	154.70	+0.50	7.88
Gold	40.80	43.10	-0.50	1.48
-do- Acc	47.70	50.40	-0.60	1.48
High Inc	24.00	25.40	+0.10	4.67
-do- Acc	88.80	94.00	+0.40	4.67
Intl Growth	65.90	69.90	+0.20	0.95
-do- Acc	113.60	120.60	+0.50	0.95
Intl Inc	89.10	94.20	+0.40	4.64
Japan Gen Acc	47.30	50.00	-0.80	...
Japan Smllr Cos	136.30	144.20	-0.70	...
Midland	50.30	53.20	+0.10	3.97
-do- Acc	159.20	168.30	+0.30	3.97
Recovery	34.60	36.70	+0.30	3.03
-do- Acc	54.40	57.70	+0.30	3.03
Second Gen	58.70	62.10	+0.30	3.68
-do- Acc	143.50	151.90	+0.20	3.68
Smaller Cos	55.90	59.00	+0.10	3.47
-do- Acc	105.60	111.80	+0.20	3.47
Trustee	37.60	39.80	...	4.01
Charibond 3	1113.10	...	+0.50	9.53
Charifund 2	616.80	625.00	+1.70	5.28
Pension ex 1	840.80	861.90	+3.20	4.17
NAACIF Inc 3	146.00	...	+0.30	7.69
-do- Acc 3	11083.5	...	+5.00	7.69
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 410, Chester X, CH99 9QG 0244 680066				
Inv Port Inc	132.60	141.80*	...	2.10
-do- Acc	147.20	157.40*	...	2.10
UK Income	110.30	118.00*	+0.17	2.78
-do- Acc	123.00	131.50*	+0.17	2.78
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2ES. 031 229 5252				
Emerg Mkts	73.64	78.75	+0.88	0.65
Far East (Pacific)	129.70	137.60	+1.70	0.69
Income Growth	70.75	75.10	+0.39	3.98
European	65.58	69.61	+0.78	1.33
Nth American	55.32	58.72	+0.72	1.13
UK Growth	74.41	79.02	+0.36	1.39
Intl Growth	88.81	94.27*	+0.84	0.89
Charities	107.50	114.10	+0.30	4.09

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Intl Income	66.12	70.19*	+0.52	4.50
Japan	50.54	53.68*	+0.25	0.08
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD 33 King William St, EC4R 9AS. 071 280 2060				
American	182.00	193.20	+1.00	...
-do- Acc	194.50	206.40	+1.00	...
Cash	101.10	101.10	...	5.53
-do- Acc	128.70	128.70	...	5.53
European Gth	188.30	200.00	+1.30	0.80
-do- Acc	201.60	214.00	+1.30	0.80
General	447.60	477.50*	+3.80	2.54
-do- Acc	851.80	908.60*	+7.20	2.54
Global Dist	129.60	136.30*	+0.30	5.36
-do- Acc	145.10	152.50*	+0.30	5.36
Income	134.10	143.40*	+0.30	4.75
-do- Acc	196.60	209.80*	+0.40	4.75
International	368.00	392.20	+4.50	0.71
-do- Acc	488.10	520.20	+5.90	0.71
Japan	167.80	178.10	-1.40	...
-do- Acc	172.20	182.90	-1.30	...
New Europe	131.20	140.00	+1.10	1.85
-do- Acc	133.50	142.40	+1.20	1.85
Recovery	284.90	303.90	+0.80	2.95
-do- Acc	355.90	379.70	+1.00	2.95
European Inc	72.94	77.46	+0.44	3.15
-do- Acc	92.53	98.28	+0.57	3.15
Brit Blue Chip	70.57	75.01*	+0.57	3.36
-do- Acc	83.00	88.46*	+0.66	3.36
Portfolio	71.78	76.30*	+0.46	2.97
-do- Acc	81.63	86.77*	+0.54	2.97
Gold General	75.95	81.01	-3.55	1.16
-do- Acc	76.99	82.12	-3.61	1.16
Pacific	83.46	89.02	+1.61	0.94
-do- Acc	88.22	94.11	+1.71	0.94
UK Smaller Cos	48.96	52.23*	+0.08	2.16
-do- Acc	54.65	58.30*	+0.09	2.16
MIDLAND UNIT TRUSTS LTD 192 Eyre Street, Sheffield, S1 3RD Dealing: 0742 529 200 Enquiries: 0742 529 076				
Balanced Dist	56.07	59.97*	+0.02	3.34
-do- Acc	56.92	60.88	+0.02	3.34
British Dist	75.36	80.60	+0.15	2.42
-do- Acc	85.31	91.24	+0.17	2.42
European Gth	164.70	176.10	+1.00	0.16
-do- Acc	206.60	221.00	+1.20	0.16
Extra High Inc	66.84	71.49*	-0.07	6.71
-do- Acc	117.60	125.80	-0.10	6.71
FT-SE 100 Index	47.51	50.81	+0.12	2.95
-do- Acc	47.51	50.81	+0.12	2.95
Gilt Fixed Int	56.36	58.67	...	7.01
-do- Acc	148.30	154.40	+0.10	7.01
High Yield	214.70	229.60	...	5.10
-do- Acc	492.60	526.80	...	5.10
Income	270.80	289.60	+0.10	3.85
-do- Acc	562.90	602.00	+0.20	3.85
Japan Gth	321.60	344.00	-7.60	...
-do- Acc	339.50	363.10	-8.00	...
Mandarin Acc	92.51	98.94	+2.61	1.65
North American	157.10	168.00	+0.30	0.53
-do- Acc	197.50	211.20	+0.40	0.53
MORGAN GRENFELL INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT Dealing: 071 826 0826 Enquiries: 071 826 0123				
American Gth	247.90	264.10	+2.90	...
Deposit Inc	99.96	99.96	+0.01	5.29
Deposit Acc	121.89	121.89	+0.01	5.29
Euro Gth Acc	254.90	271.80	+2.00	...
Europa	115.30	124.10	+1.50	...
Intl Gth	162.40	173.20	-0.20	...
Japan Tracker	71.78	75.99	-1.18	...
UK Equity Inc	140.40	151.30*	+0.20	4.35
-do- Acc	172.00	185.40*	+0.30	4.35
UK Ind Tracker	139.20	149.10	+0.50	3.25
US Eq Ind Trkr	184.40	195.40*	+0.50	1.50
-do- Acc	195.00	206.70*	+0.60	1.50
Asian Trader	142.30	154.40*	+4.20	0.51
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 7 West Nile St, Glasgow G1 2PX. 0345 090 933				
American Inc	160.20	163.80	+0.30	2.41
European	59.03	60.33	-0.21	1.19
Olympiad	31.82	33.39	+0.47	0.46
Global Bond	47.44	47.98	+0.01	6.68
Smaller Cos	62.66	65.35	+0.26	1.30
Equity Income	90.40	92.88*	+0.39	4.94
UK Growth	80.38	82.73*	+0.32	1.86
NM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD The Bilton Centre, North Harbour, Portsmouth. Enquiries: 0705 372222 Dealing: 0705 387730				
American Acc	45.25	48.26	-0.01	0.83
Australian Acc	291.80	313	+6.20	...
Conscience	61.35	65.47	+0.05	1.08
-do- Acc	65.88	70.30	+0.06	1.08
European	164.20	175.10*	+1.00	1.11
-do- Acc	176.60	188.30	+0.10	1.11
Extra Income	71.30	76.09	+0.03	5.84
-do- Acc	107.90	115.10	+0.05	5.84
Far East Gth	150.60	160.90	-0.70	0.06
Gilt Fxd Inc	58.18	61.58	-0.19	6.43
Gold	31.83	34.22	-0.44	...
-do- Acc	34.27	36.84	+0.47	...
Income	50.90	54.29	+0.01	5.18
-do- Acc	152.60	162.70	...	5.18
International	28.03	30.07	+0.05	1.13
-do- Acc	40.27	43.20	+0.06	1.13
Jap Sm Cos Acc	304.30	324.50	-1.30	...
S'pore Mly Acc	156	167.20	+3.60	...
Smllr Cos Acc	23.88	25.67	+0.07	1.87
Special Sits	31.04	33.37*	+0.08	1.77
-do- Acc	35.74	38.43	+0.10	1.77
Tokyo	79.96	85.29	-1.61	...
-do- Acc	80.77	86.15	-1.62	...
N & P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF 061 237 5322				
N&P UK Growth	66.57	70.82	+0.12	2.94
N&P Gilt Fxd Int	74.91	79.28	+0.06	7.33
N&P Higher Inc	184.30	196.10	+0.30	5.07
N&P UK Income	99.13	105.46	+0.11	4.12
N&P Intl	84.28	89.67*	+0.31	1.97
N&P Smaller Cos	71.91	76.51*	-0.34	1.70
NEWTON FUND MANAGERS 2 London Bridge, London SE1 9RA 071 407 4404				
General	155.00	164.90*	...	2.54
Global	262.51	279.27*	...	1.29
Growth	102.01	108.53*	...	2.50
Income	194.90	207.02*	...	4.60
Intl Bond	124.50	132.15*	...	7.02
PEARL UNIT TRUST LTD PO Box 500, Peterborough PE2 6BR 0733 470478. Dealing: 0800 626577				
Growth	135.10	142.20	+0.50	2.54
-do- Acc	234.00	246.20	+0.90	2.54
Income	211.50	225.00*	+0.50	3.60
Intl Equity	214.50	228.20	-0.10	0.97
-do- Acc	234.80	249.80	-0.10	0.97
Equity	212.30	225.80	-0.80	2.40
-do- Acc	430.30	457.70	-1.50	2.40
UK Intl 25 Acc	67.25	71.54	-0.14	1.94
UK Income	58.62	62.36	+0.10	3.07
UK Smllr Co Acc	68.57	72.95	+0.20	1.57
New Europe Acc	59.90	63.81	+0.18	1.40
PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST 48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames 0491 417000				
Asian Smllr Mkt	82.90	88.67	+1.04	0.31
PEP Gth Inc	95.04	101.65	+0.20	1.39
Intl Gth	454.53	486.13	+0.80	0.75
Income	283.18	302.87*	+0.20	3.49
W'wide Recov	30.18	32.87	+0.07	0.63
American Gth	192.37	205.64	+0.70	0.01
Intl Emerg Cos	169.26	181.03	+0.32	0.25
Far East Gth	198.38	212.14	+1.14	0.01

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European Gth	109.27	116.87	+0.43	1.16
UK Growth	73.01	78.09	+0.34	3.11
High Income	79.56	85.10	+0.10	4.52
Japanese Gth	198.29	211.03	-2.62	0.01
PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook, London EC4N 8LD. Dealing: 0800 262443				
International	168.30	179.00*	+1.50	0.89
High Income	105.90	112.60	...	3.54
Conv Gilt	107.50	114.40	+0.30	6.45
Far East	281.30	299.30*	-1.60	0.37
PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1 Sessions Hse Sq, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. 0622 674751				
American	46.73	49.71	-0.25	0.59
Emerging Mkts	57.62	61.30	+0.15	0.23
General	46.56	49.53	-0.03	3.46
International	80.62	85.77*	+0.06	1.13
Gilt Units	26.60	27.42	-0.01	8.01
Global PEP	34.18	36.36*	...	2.15
Income Gth	62.53	66.52	-0.01	5.29
European	41.89	44.56*	+0.10	1.19
Gilts/Fixed Int	25.38	27.00*	-0.01	6.17
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD 51/69 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL 081 478 3377. Enquiries: 071 911 4490 Intermediary Dealing: 071 911 4314 Priceback: 0426 925091				
Pru Mngd Tst**	29.88	31.95*	+0.14	1.62
Pru Cash Hvn Inc	101.54	101.54*	+0.01	5.60
-do- Acc	104.62	104.62*	+0.01	5.60
Pru Equity	639.95	684.43*	+1.02	2.47
Pru Equity Inc	78.71	84.18	-0.04	4.56
Pru European	168.84	180.57	-0.83	1.87
Pru Global Gth	76.87	82.21	-0.31	1.56
Pru High Inc	84.60	90.48*	-0.07	5.68
Pru Intl	155.23	166.02	+1.03	1.30
Pru Intl Sm Co	64.99	69.50*	+0.38	0.93
Pru Japanese	187.35	200.37*	-2.04	...
Pru Nth Amer	137.98	147.57	+0.53	0.48
Pru Pacific Mkt	69.73	74.57	+1.95	1.88
Pru Premr Inc	49.33	51.37*	+0.04	7.45
Pru Smllr Cos	79.73	85.27	-0.17	2.03
Pru Spec Sits	96.01	102.68	+0.10	2.36
Pru UK Grwth	107.19	114.64*	+0.15	2.36
** Formerly Holborn Trust				
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT LTD St Swithin's Lane, London EC4N 8NR Dealing: 071 634 2981/4				
NC Income	151.21	162.85	+0.07	3.64
NC Japan	258.10	276.58	-2.18	...
NC Maj UK Cos	92.08	99.12	+0.36	2.43
NC America Inc	457.05	490.25	+2.08	0.87
-do- Acc	530.87	569.42	+2.41	0.87
NC Smllr UK Cos	248.19	271.25*	+0.38	1.56
NC European	248.23	265.31	+2.18	1.32
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP 16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB 0708 766966 or 0800 929929 (IFAs only)				
Amer Inc Gth	70.65	75.15	+0.08	3.89
Capital Units	138.60	147.40	+1.20	1.43
Commodity	92.65	98.56*	-0.62	1.32
European Gth	147.00	156.30	+1.30	1.40
Financial Sec	167.60	178.20	+2.30	1.89
High Return	208.30	221.60	+1.00	4.59
High Yield	199.20	211.90*	+1.00	3.81
Income Units	106.20	112.90	-0.60	4.87
Investment	166.00	176.50*	+1.20	1.13
Japan Gth	141.60	150.60	-0.30	...
Japan Smaller	173.10	184.10	+1.90	...
Masterfund	43.94	46.74	+0.32	0.97
Scotbits	243.90	259.40	+3.30	1.62
Scotshares	247.40	263.10	+0.30	2.68
Scotyields	217.70	231.50*	+0.90	4.02
Select Intl	123.30	131.10*	+0.30	0.75
Smaller Cos	212.20	225.70*	+0.20	4.26
Special Situation	104.70	111.30	+0.50	0.76
UK Equity	217.70	231.50	...	2.90
US Growth	133.90	142.40*	+0.90	0.34
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD 33 Gutter Lane, London EC2V 8AS. Client line: 0800 526 535. Broker line: 0800 526 540				
American	228.60	243.84	+0.51	0.57
-do- Acc	246.97	263.43	+0.55	0.57
Australian	131.09	139.82	+2.94	0.85
-do- Acc	154.11	164.37	+3.44	0.85
UK Enterprise	200.30	213.65*	-0.25	2.66
-do- Acc	231.39	246.80	-0.30	2.66
European Gth	59.29	63.24*	+0.22	1.30
-do- Acc	61.38	65.46	+0.22	1.30
Euro Smllr Cos	55.26	58.94*	+0.23	0.34
-do- Acc	55.64	59.35	+0.24	0.34
Far Eastern Gth	65.03	69.36	+1.06	...
-do- Acc	66.08	70.49	+1.07	...
Fixed Interest	52.02	54.84*	-0.04	8.60
-do- Acc	63.92	67.39	-0.04	8.60
Gilt Income	102.91	108.43*	-0.30	8.45
-do- Acc	143.82	151.53*	-0.51	8.45
Income	295.34	315.02*	+0.12	4.12
-do- Acc	871.29	929.30	+0.37	4.12
Japan Enterprise	62.87	67.06*	-0.75	...
-do- Acc	62.87	67.06	-0.75	...
Japan Smllr Cos	412.84	440.36*	-4.37	...
-do- Acc	413.67	441.24	-4.38	...
Pacific Gth	85.78	91.49	+2.36	0.47
-do- Acc	88.32	94.20	+2.42	0.47
Smaller Cos	180.97	193.03*	+0.50	1.06
-do- Acc	207.40	221.22	+0.57	1.06
Tokyo	99.11	105.71*	-1.21	...
-do- Acc	100.11	106.78	-1.22	...
UK Equity	199.66	212.97*	-0.02	2.77
-do- Acc	369.75	394.40	-0.04	2.77
US Smllr Cos	126.88	135.33	+0.98	...
-do- Acc	126.88	135.33	+0.98	...
World Fd	67.99	72.52	...	1.68
-do- Acc	71.69	76.46	...	1.68
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ 041 204 2200				
Equity Income	42.27	45.02	+0.30	4.43
Equity Strategy	61.93	65.96	+0.43	1.80
European Opps	70.71	75.31	+0.59	3.22
Maximum Inc	98.32	100.96	-0.02	5.64
UK Smaller Cos	48.16	51.29	+0.24	3.21
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh. 031 225 2211				
UK Equity	335.80	359.10	+0.70	2.79
American	237.80	252.50	+0.90	0.87
Pacific	312.30	334.00	+0.40	0.49
European	443.80	474.70	+0.40	1.19
Worldwide	75.41	80.65	+0.34	1.27
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT 109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN 041 248 6100				
UK Equity	296.20	315.20	+1.30	2.72
UK Sm Cos Eqty	199.50	201.70	+0.50	2.24
European	322.30	342.80*	+1.90	1.97
North American	240.00	255.40*	+1.60	0.56
Income Plus Inc	63.81	67.89*	+0.32	3.70
UK Spec Sits	64.98	69.13*	+0.34	2.35
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD 6 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA 031 558 2341/2/3				
Equity Gth Acc	24.74	26.48*	+0.10	2.91
Intl Growth Acc	27.55	29.49*	+0.17	1.29
Global Inc Acc	30.48	32.62	+0.01	3.81
Market Ldrs Acc	25.59	27.39	+0.10	2.87
SG TOUCHE REMNANT Mermaid Hse, 2 Puddle Dock, London EC4V 3AT. 071 248 1250				
American Gth	78.45	83.90*	+0.18	...
Euro Spec Sits	44.03	46.83*	-0.02	...
-do- Acc	46.62	49.59	-0.01	...
Far East Opps	28.95	31.26	-0.04	...
-do- Acc	29.74	32.12	+0.06	...

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
General Growth	96.70	103.60	+0.30	2.03
Global Tech	108.00	116.70	-0.50	...
Income Growth	98.07	105.50	+0.30	3.54
Income Monthly	55.56	59.42	-0.70	4.33
Japan Growth	76.92	81.80	-0.56	...
Overseas Gth	73.27	78.14	-0.43	...
Smaller Cos	69.05	74.24*	-0.12	1.67
Special Opps	96.51	103.70	-0.20	2.22
Wld Spec Sits	44.84	48.44	-0.38	...
-do- Acc	44.94	48.55	-0.38	...
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 21 New Street, Bishopsgate, London EC2M 2HR 071 626 6226				
European	...	...	...	...
Global Bond	...	...	...	...
Japan Samurai	...	...	...	...
UK Growth	...	...	...	...
STANDARD LIFE TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 3 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ 0800 393777				
Managed	42.80	45.48	+0.30	1.81
Equity Gth Acc	57.06	60.63	+0.60	1.64
UK Eq General	41.02	43.59*	+0.40	2.44
-do- Acc	54.23	57.62	+0.50	2.44
European Acc	40.46	42.99	+0.20	1.14
Far East Acc	52.44	55.72	...	0.15
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	30.34	32.09*	+0.10	6.60
N American Acc	41.73	44.34	-1.20	0.09
Dis Lgr Cos Acc	266.30	289.00	-1.70	1.50
UK Eq High Inc	33.98	36.11*	+0.30	4.01
-do- Acc	40.36	42.89	+0.30	4.01
UK Lgr Cos Inc	282.00	306.00*	+2.50	3.88
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STATE STREET UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD Birchin Court, 20 Birchin Lane, London EC3V 9AQ. 071 626 1977				
Global A	N283.56	N253.79	+0.07	1.16
US Eq	$2.110	$2.242	+0.073	0.78
Far East Eq	Y242.1	Y257.1	+7.20	...
Japan Eq	Y241.9	Y257.0	+16.10	...
FT Europe	110.80	117.60	+0.60	2.15
FT North Am	$1.718	$1.821	-0.03	1.07
FT Japan	Y239.2	Y254.1	+3.80	...
FT Asia Ex Jap	$1.812	$1.924	+0.085	1.76
STEWART IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh 031 226 3271				
American	328.30	348.80	+2.00	0.30
British	916.20	969.30*	-1.10	4.36
European	376.00	399.90	+1.70	1.49
Japan	135.50	144.20	-1.40	...
New Pacific	277.90	296.00	+2.60	1.32
Mngd Cash	95.50	95.50*	...	5.34
Majority Stlg	99.66	100.65*	+0.01	5.24
Inv Tst	179.70	190.50*	+0.40	1.87
Saints PPP	366.90	386.20	...	...
SUN ALLIANCE Admin. 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 690389				
Equity Acc	712.10	761.60	+1.70	2.72
N America Acc	107.80	115.30	+0.10	0.15
Far East Acc	114.60	122.60	+0.70	...
W wide Bond	59.31	62.96*	+0.05	5.28
European	80.89	86.51	+0.72	0.28
Equity Income	81.22	86.87	-0.04	3.60
SUN LIFE OF CANADA Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ Dealing: 0256 841414				
American Gth	32.73	35.01	-0.09	0.84
Managed Assets	115.60	123.64	-0.35	3.35
UK Income	35.80	38.29	-0.13	3.04
UK Growth	35.21	37.66	+0.18	2.38
Worldwide Gth	29.91	31.99	+0.01	0.47
TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD Charlton Place, Andover, Hants. SP10 1RE 0264 346794				
American	195.66	208.17	+0.42	0.01
-do- Acc	214.92	228.64	+0.46	0.01
British Gth	82.80	88.08*	-0.22	1.84
-do- Acc	97.42	103.64*	-0.25	1.84
European	91.26	97.08	+0.80	0.83
-do- Acc	96.26	102.41	+0.85	0.83
Extra Inc	180.99	192.54*	-1.89	3.84
-do- Acc	288.73	307.16*	-3.03	3.84
General Unit	254.25	270.47	+0.72	2.48
-do- Acc	501.68	533.70	+1.43	2.48
Income	317.23	337.48	+6.33	3.41
-do- Acc	646.16	687.40	+12.90	3.41
International	466.33	495.96	+1.30	0.50
-do- Acc	609.40	648.30	+1.69	0.50
Pacific	317.62	338.11	+0.21	...
-do- Acc	332.85	354.10	+0.22	...
Premier Income	51.23	53.36	+0.15	6.43
-do- Acc	105.21	109.59	+0.32	6.43
Nat Resources	94.19	100.20*	+0.99	0.63
-do- Acc	107.31	109.92*	+1.09	0.63
Selected Opps	91.57	97.42*	+0.40	1.13
-do- Acc	114.64	121.96*	+0.50	1.13
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD 33 Cavendish Sq, London W1M 7HF 071 493 7262 Dealing: 071 493 8545				
Amer Sml Cos	62.50	66.66	-0.26	...
-do- Acc	64.47	68.76	-0.26	...
Cash	50.31	50.31*	+0.01	6.24
-do- Acc	81.44	81.44*	+0.01	6.24
European Opps	60.02	64.02	+0.31	0.46
-do- Acc	60.64	64.68	+0.30	0.46
Far East Opps	139.63	148.93*	+1.00	...
-do- Acc	142.89	152.41*	+1.02	...
Gold/Nat. Res	39.15	41.76	-0.26	...
-do- Acc	40.26	42.94	-0.27	...
Japan	76.79	81.90	-0.13	...
-do- Acc	76.79	81.90	-0.13	...
Little Dragons	61.45	65.54	+1.36	0.78
-do- Acc	63.02	67.22	+1.30	0.78
Oriental Income	40.53	43.23*	+0.32	3.68
-do- Acc	51.76	55.21*	+0.41	3.68
Tiger	196.81	209.93	+3.49	1.26
-do- Acc	205.86	219.58	+3.65	1.26
UK Small Cos	65.34	69.88	-0.05	2.27
-do- Acc	76.24	81.54	-0.05	2.27
WAVERLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 13 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh EH2 4DJ 031 225 1551				
Australasn Gold	13.59	14.45	+0.08	0.50
Pacific Basin	29.59	31.47	+0.56	0.60
Canadian Gth	35.39	37.64	-0.26	0.10
Global Bond	$0.981	$1.022	+0.001	7.26
Penny Share	20.85	22.18	-0.57	1.52
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 2 Honey Lane, London EC2V 8BT 071 606 3132				
City Reserve	52.50	52.50	...	5.83
Gilt Growth	66.82	69.53	+0.04	...
Gilt Income	52.90	54.63*	+0.01	7.50
Short Dtd Gilt	107.50	108.90*	...	3.50
US Govmnt Bd	$0.714	$0.724	...	...
Challenger	90.77	92.89	-0.01	...
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 2 White Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG 081 298 4000				
Stockmarket Fd	66.12	70.34	-0.12	2.00

Source: Finstat

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return); † Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price; ... No significant data.

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Leyland team aims for MBO in two weeks

By Ross Tieman
Industrial Correspondent

■ Michael Heseltine, already under pressure arising from the shake-up of the coal industry, must devise a way to help the proposed management buyout at DAF

MANAGERS at the Leyland DAF lorry plant in Leyland, Lancashire, have begun talks with receivers to DAF, the collapsed Anglo-Dutch parent company, aimed at completing a buyout within a fortnight.

John Gilchrist, managing director, said managers had completed their business plan and were now "reviewing a number of offers of funding support from leading financial institutions".

He added: "Negotiations are likely to continue for some days, but we hope that we may be able to arrive at an agreement with the receivers which will deliver an independent business at Leyland by the end of this month."

Lancashire Enterprises, the enterprise agency, has also begun talks aimed at purchasing the 230 acre site from the receivers, leasing 100 acres back to the buyout company, and developing the rest into a business and technology park.

Linked agreements would secure the survival of one of the most modern lorry plants in Britain, save more than 1,100 jobs at the factory, and raise the prospect of new jobs to replace those lost at the plant since receivers were appointed in February.

The rescue proposals at Leyland closely mirror plans for a buyout of the van plant in Birmingham, supported by Birmingham Heartlands development corporation which aims to buy the site and lease part back to the MBO company, Leyland Vans Limited. That deal is expected to be completed next Monday.

However, while the Birmingham buyout is likely to benefit from an environment department grant towards purchase of the land, and "regional selective assistance" to help the new operation, Michael Heseltine, the President of the Board of Trade, will have to use all his imagination to find a way to help the Lancashire buyout. The lorry plant is not in an assisted area, although a government response is expected next month to pleas for its inclusion in one. Talks between the buyout group and DTI officials about possible grant aid are continuing.

Buyout plans are also being formulated by managers at the Leyland DAF spares warehouse in Chorley, Lancashire, and at the African subsidiaries, which assemble vehicles exported in kit form.

Production at Leyland was maintained yesterday, despite a threat from the refusal of Automotive Products to resume delivery of brake parts until it is paid £758,000 for supplies delivered before the group went into receivership. However, assembly of vans was severely curtailed as brake supplies have been used up.

Managers hope normal deliveries will be resumed once the buyout has been completed.

In Holland, Gary Klesch, an American lawyer, said he planned to initiate legal proceedings on behalf of DAF bondholders against two financial institutions responsible for the rescue of the Dutch and Belgian operations in February.

ABN-Amro, the lead manager to the bond issue, and the trustee, Nederlandsche Trust-Maatchaappij. ABN's 50 per cent associate, arranged funding of 150 million guilders (£54 million) to restart manufacturing on the Continent.

Mr Klesch claimed to speak for holders of 30 million guilders worth of bonds and be in talks with owners of 40 million guilders more. The bonds ranked as senior debt but were unsecured.

Mr Klesch said: "We will be initiating legal proceedings in the Netherlands against the trust... for negligence and dereliction of duties in protecting bondholders rights." He said the bondholders' company has retained the Dutch law firm Stibbe Simont Monahan Duhot.

A meeting of DAF shareholders will take place tomorrow near the former headquarters of DAF in Eindhoven, Holland.


STEPHEN MARKESON

Taking markets by the throat: Nigel McGinley, chief executive, and Roy Bishko are planning to open new outlets in northern Europe

Tie Rack smoothes out the creases

By Carl Mortished

TIE RACK, the tie and silk scarf retailer, has climbed back from its disastrous American expansion. Pre-tax profits leapt to £5.1 million in the 12 months to January 31, from £1 million the previous year.

The company made a $2.4 million loss in the US in 1991. Roy Bishko, the chairman, blames over-expansion and high central costs. "We overpaid, particularly in New York City, and we had a huge warehouse in Pennsylvania with 32 people, all drinking coffee," he said.

The warehouse is gone and the company has cut its operating loss in America to £53,000 on sales of £11.2 million. Its target is to break even this year. In the UK, like-for-like sales growth was 6 per cent for the year; eight new stores helped to lift sales from £34 million to £42 million.

Tie Rack has 272 shops in 11 countries, an increase of 15 during the year. The company aims to open about 25 outlets this year; expansion in northern Europe is on the agenda.

Tie Racks are set to open at airports in Geneva, Vienna and several German locations and the emphasis is on direct control rather than franchises, which in the past led to bad debts.

Strong cash flow during the year leaves the company with net cash balances of £7 million. Earnings per share trebled to 6.1p and the dividend is raised to 1p (0.5p).

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OFT's powers to be strengthened

By Our City Staff

THE government is to strengthen laws against abuses of market power in an amendment to the Restrictive Trade Practices Act that will give the director-general of fair trading limited powers of search and entry where he suspects documents are being withheld or destroyed.

Amendments to the act were announced yesterday by Neil Hamilton, the corporate affairs minister, although they have yet to find a place in the parliamentary timetable. It is likely they will be made in the autumn.

The new legislation will attempt to prevent predatory pricing, in which a company drops its prices to force a smaller competitor out of business. It would also aim to prevent supermarket chains or their suppliers laying down unfair conditions.

Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, published a green paper last November laying out three options to deal with alleged abuses of power. In deciding against new laws specifically prohibiting abuse of market power, Mr Hamilton said such legislation would "increase the regulatory burden on companies and introduce uncertainty for business".

Opposition MPs immediately accused Mr Hamilton of choosing a "soft option", and making no attempt to deal with the problems faced by small businesses in dealing with high street banks.

It is intended that the director-general of Fair Trading would be enabled to accept enforceable undertakings before making formal investigations under the Competition Act and in lieu of a monopoly reference under the Fair Trading Act. A breach of undertakings would ultimately become contempt of court. Mr Hamilton also said that powers would be introduced to allow interim orders to be made on a company while a Monopolies and Mergers Commission investigation was proceeding. The interim orders would prohibit specified activities by a company where there was good reason to believe that a competitor, customer or supplier risked serious damage during the time a monopolies investigation was proceeding.

Mr Hamilton said four sets of proposals would create closer and speedier control of companies' positions in the market.

Irish Life suffers fall in value

Falls in the equity and property markets and changes in taxation rules in Ireland resulted in Irish Life, the insurer, reporting a fall in embedded value for the year to end-December.

The embedded value — a means used by life insurers to estimate the value of shareholders' interests in the net worth and existing business of the group — fell Ir£21 million to Ir£494 million (£490 million). Pre-tax profits edged ahead to Ir£41.6 million. The final dividend stays at 5.44p, making a total for the year of 7.1p (7.04p).

Yule Catto up

Yule Catto, the speciality chemicals and building products group, made pre-tax profits of £22.2 million (£21.8 million) in the year to end-December on sales of £267 million (£265 million). Earnings rose from 16.1p to 16.4p, out of which the dividend rises by 9.3 per cent to 5.9p.

Winning Time

Time Products, the watch and jewellery distribution group, has won the agency to distribute Swiss Audemar Piguet watches in North America and will pay $7 million in cash for existing assets.

Share-out plan

The Anglo-American Group of South Africa plans to distribute to shareholders of Welkom Gold and Orange Free State Investments direct and indirect shareholdings in Freegold, the world's largest gold mining company.

Gold ahead

Renewed political tension in South Africa helped the London gold price rise by $2.25 to $339.25 an ounce and the New York platinum price by $9 to $372 an ounce.

Response to offer surprises Cook

By Colin Campbell

THOMAS Cook, the German-controlled travel group, has been overwhelmed by the response of shareholders in Owners Abroad to its tender offer of 150p a share. It has been forced to scale down tenders pro rata by a factor of 0.164.

An Owners shareholder who tendered 100 per cent of his holding will be told that only 16.4 per cent has been accepted.

Thomas Cook, which had made a tender offer to acquire up to 19.4 million shares, received valid tenders for 118.2 million, equivalent to 75.9 per cent of Owners' capital. Owners directors had earlier said they would not tender their own shareholdings.

Cook already owned 8.9 per cent of Owners, and now owns 21.4 per cent of its issued capital.

The tender offer, at 150p, was always likely to prove attractive, given that the shares traded at 114p before the tender closed. Yesterday, Owners shares eased by 4p to 110p.

Cook stepped in after Airtours had bid for Owners. Cook sought a commercial alliance with Owners that might otherwise have been threatened. It said it would make a tender offer at 150p for up to 12.5 per cent of the shares, on condition that the Airtours bid failed.

Airtours subsequently sold its 8.2 per cent stake in Owners at a loss in the market.

The way is now clear, as indicated during the bid battle, for Howard Klein, Owners' chairman, to be appointed to Cook's board, and for Christopher Rodrigues, Cook's chief executive, to become a non-executive director of Owners.

Cheques in respect of shares accepted under the tender offer will be sent out on April 27 by National Westminster Bank, and balance share certificates by Owners' registrars in due course.

Alexandra Workwear in black

By Our City Staff

ALEXANDRA Workwear, which makes a third of the workclothes and uniforms sold in the UK, is back in profit with a £1.7 million pre-tax return for the year to January 30, compared with a loss of £0.5 million in 1991.

Turnover was static at £57 million last year and the return to profit was achieved by degearing the balance sheet. Strong cash flow enabled Alexandra to reduce borrowings by more than a third to £10.1 million, reducing interest costs from £2.6 million to £1.7 million. Julian Budd, finance director, expects borrowings to be halved during the current year, which should take gearing down to 23 per cent.

Alexandra has been reducing its working capital in an effort to squeeze more cash out of the business. Stocks fell from £12.9 million to £3.7 million last year and Mr Budd said the company paid the price in some £900,000 of profit as the factories made a strategic switch to lower margin production to keep them busy as stock levels were run down.

John Prior, chief executive, said the company required no capacity increase to raise sales, owing to investment in automation in the past. The company expects to benefit from increased exports this year.

The dividend is up 11 per cent to 2p for the year and is covered by earnings per share of 3.5p compared with last year's loss of 0.8p.

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.25	2.05
Austria Sch	18.45	16.55
Belgium Fr	59.55	49.55
Canada $	2.083	1.923
Denmark Kr	10.07	9.27
Finland Mkk	9.23	8.43
France Fr	8.83	8.13
Germany Dm	2.61	2.41
Greece Dr	351.00	326.00
Hong Kong $	12.65	11.65
Ireland Pt	1.06	0.98
Italy Lira	2480.00	2335.00
Japan Yen	194.25	175.25
Netherlands Gld	2.938	2.708
Norway Kr	11.05	10.25
Portugal Esc	240.60	222.60
S Africa Rd	5.50	4.80
Spain Pta	184.00	171.00
Sweden Kr	12.07	11.27
Switzerland Fr	2.385	2.205
Turkey Lira	15200.0	14200.0
USA $	1.65	1.52

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

HK stake in Trafalgar lifted


Gormly: results due

By George Sivell, City Editor

HONGKONG Land has taken its holding in Trafalgar House, the engineering and construction conglomerate, up to 25.1 per cent after negotiating the early exercise of put options held over shares which were due to run out early next month.

Trafalgar House A shares rose 2p to 79p after the announcement. Hongkong Land is part of Hong Kong's Jardine Matheson group, controlled by the Keswick family. It added that options held over further shares, which could have taken its stake up to 27 per cent, had been cancelled.

Hongkong Land has said it would not bid for Trafalgar within a year unless a rival launched an offer.

The options followed a £204 million cash call by Trafalgar on its shareholders which followed poor full-year results.

The announcement followed a dawn raid by Hongkong Land on Trafalgar, whose chief executive is Allan Gormly, which netted 14.9 per cent of the shares.

Half-year results from Trafalgar are due on May 5. Hongkong Land said that the stake would help Trafalgar's cash flow.

Lloyd's anticipates business plan

By Sarah Bagnall
Insurance Correspondent

LLOYD'S of London is bracing itself for the imminent unveiling of the insurance market's business plan, which is expected to make swingeing changes to the role of members' agencies and allow names to form their own limited liability companies from the start of next year.

The 30-page plan will detail a mass of reforms aimed at returning the loss-making market to profit. Peter Middleton, chief executive, and David Rowland, chairman, must produce a plan that stems the flood of capital leaving the market, resolves the mass of litigation and restores the 306-year old market's competitiveness by tough cost-cutting.

According to the Society of Names, the changes will have to be radical to achieve the intended results. The market is awash with rumour over the contents of the plan but SoN has drawn up a list of recommendations it believes will be included.

In an attempt to reduce the market's cost base, members' agents will have their "back-office" administrative functions removed and transferred to Lloyd's to manage centrally. The removal of tasks such as handling names' deposits would cut the agencies' role to the bone, leaving them with the sole task of advising names which syndicates to join.

Claims handling for both active syndicates and those in run-off — the wind-down years after a syndicate stops underwriting — is expected to be centralised. There are hundreds of syndicates which have been left open because they were involved in underwriting long-tail liabilities, such as US asbestosis and pollution claims. In these cases the run-off can take decades, not only incurring heavy costs for the names but also trapping them and their reserves in Lloyd's. If claims handling was centralised it would end the duplication of skills in the growing number of agencies involved in run-off.

As one Lloyd's insider said: "Claims processing makes up 30 per cent of costs. If Lloyd's managed the claims centrally costs would fall sharply because there would be no need for each agency to have its own pollution expert, for example."

The business plan is expected to offer a solution to the problem of names caught on open years for more than ten years. According to SoN, a new run-off company will be set up to take over asbestosis and pollution policies written before 1983. Names would be able, at a cost, to pass their liabilities to the new venture.

☐ An article yesterday said Lloyd's names on Wellington syndicates 406 and 488 were taking legal action to try to recover insurance losses. It should have said Wellington syndicates 406 and 448.

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

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LEGAL NOTICES

Bowmoor Dispatch Services Limited
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above-named Company will be held at Chamberlains, Bridgnorth Enterprise, Leagrave Road, Luton, Beds on 23 April 1993 at 10.00 for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 to 101 of the said Act.
Creditors wishing to vote at the Meeting must lodge their proxy, together with a full statement of account at the registered office - 1 Telford Way, Luton, Bedfordshire, LU1 1HT not later than 12 noon on 22 April 1993.
For the purposes of voting, a secured creditor is required (unless he surrenders his security) to lodge at 1 Telford Way, Luton, Bedfordshire, LU1 1HT before the meeting, a statement giving particulars of his security, the date when it was given and the value at which it is assessed.
Notice is further given that a list of the names and addresses of the Company's creditors may be inspected, free of charge, at 1 Telford Way, Luton, Bedfordshire, LU1 1HT between 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. on the two business days preceding the date of the meeting stated above.
By Order of the Board
S. Kenyon, Director.

Bowmoor Dispatch Svcs. (Watford) Ltd
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above-named Company will be held at Chamberlains, Bridgnorth Enterprise, Leagrave Road, Luton, Beds on 23 April 1993 at 11.40 for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 to 101 of the said Act.
Creditors wishing to vote at the Meeting must lodge their proxy, together with a full statement of account at the registered office - 1 Telford Way, Luton, Bedfordshire, LU1 1HT not later than 12 noon on 22 April 1993.
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By Order of the Board
M. Bailey, Director.

CBC ACQUISITIONS LTD
Registered number: 1888648. Former company names: Trentpass Ltd, Greenstar Video International Ltd, Crown Video Distribution Ltd, Crown Promotions Ltd, Crown Business Communications Ltd. Nature of business: Manager for Corporate Presentations. Type of liquidation: 4A. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 8 April 1993. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Bank of Scotland, ANZ Banking Group Ltd. Joint Administrative Receivers: Murdoch Lang Middleton and Martin Paterson (office holders nos: 8095 and 6470) of P O Box 55 1 Surrey Street, London WC2R 2NT.

Fabco Upholstery Limited T/A Direct Furniture Service
The Insolvency Act 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that Creditors of the above named company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before the 19th May 1993, to send their full christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debt or claims and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned Jamie Taylor of Messrs. Taylor Gotham, Warren House, 10-20 Main Road, Hockley, Essex SS5 4RY, the Liquidator of the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution before such debts are proved.
Dated 7th April 1993
Jamie Taylor - Liquidator.

FABCO UPHOLSTERY LIMITED T/A Direct Furniture Service
The Insolvency Act 1986
This is to certify that a meeting of the Creditors and Contributories of the above named Company held on Friday 2nd April 1993 Jamie Taylor of Messrs Taylor Gotham, Warren House, 10/20 Main Road, Hockley, Essex. SS5 4RY having provided written assurance that he is qualified to act as an Insolvency Practitioner in relation to the above-named Company under the provisions of the Insolvency Act 1986, and that he consent so to act was appointed Liquidator of the Company.
Dated the 2nd April 1993
JEFFREY FABER, Chairman

House of Hanley Limited
Registered No: 2546900
A Meeting of Unsecured Creditors of the above-named Company will be held at the offices of the Joint Administrative Receivers of the above-mentioned Company pursuant to Section 48(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986 for the purpose of presenting to the Meeting a copy of the Report prepared by the Administrative Receivers under Section 48(1) of the said Act and for the purpose should the Creditors so think fit, to establish a Committee of Creditors under the provisions of Section 49 of the said Act.
The Meeting will be held as follows:- Date: 27th April 1993. Time: 11.30 a.m. Place: London Chamber of Commerce, 69 Cannon Street, London EC4
Creditors whose claims are wholly or partly unsecured are entitled to attend or be represented at the Meeting.
A Creditor will only be entitled to vote at the Creditors Meeting if:-
(a) he has given to the Receivers not later than 12 o'clock noon on the business day before the day fixed for the Meeting, details in writing of the debt that he claims to be due to him from the Company, and the claim has been duly admitted under the provisions of the Insolvency Rules, and
(b) there has been lodged with the Administrative Receivers a Proxy which the Creditor intends to be used on his behalf. A Form of Proxy is attached (Form 8.9)
Date: 7.4.93
R. Mills & P.A. Lawrence, Joint Administrative Receivers
6 Raleigh House, Admirals Way, Waterside, London, E14 9XN.

MARTIN BERRAUM GROUP INVESTMENTS PLC
(In Members' Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number: 1064209
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Rules 4.182A and 11.2 of the Insolvency Rules 1986, that the Joint Liquidators of the above company intend to make a distribution to the creditors. Creditors are required to submit full details of their claims and their names and addresses to the Joint Liquidator, Phillip Wedgwood Wallace, KPMG Peat Marwick, PO Box 730, 20 Farringdon Street, London EC4A 4PP on or before Friday 7 May 1993 which is the last day for so doing. Notice is also given that the Joint Liquidators propose to make final distribution and that such distribution shall be made without regard to any claims not made by the date mentioned.
Note: The company is able to pay all its known Creditors in full.
Dated: 7 April 1993
P W Wallace

No. 001612 of 1993
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF AEDI OLYMPIA (UK) LIMITED
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated 31st March 1993 confirming the reduction of the Share Premium Account of the above-named Company by £13,399,897 was registered by the Registrar of Companies on 6th April 1993.
Dated this 16th day of April 1993.
SIMMONS & SIMMONS
(RHB/AMC) 14 Dominion Street, London EC2M 2RJ
Solicitors for the above-named Company.

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
CAPLIN GLASS LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held on 30th April 1993 at 1, Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN at 12.00 noon for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 et seq of the said Act.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington, FIPA of 4, Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98 (2)(a) of the said Act who will furnish Creditors with such information as they may require.
DATED this 8th day of April 1993
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
M. CUTLER, DIRECTOR.

Notice of appointment of liquidator Voluntary winding up Creditors
Pursuant to section 109 of the Insolvency Act 1986
Company Number: 2677445.
Name of company: Chot's Restaurant Limited. Nature of business: Chinese Restaurant. Address of registered office: Trevlet House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex IG1 1JQ. Type of Liquidation: Creditors Voluntary. Liquidator: R A Segal & Co., Trevlet House 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex IG1 1JQ. Office holder no: 002688. Date of appointment: 30 March 1993. By whom appointed: The Members & Creditors. Date 30 March 1993.

Notice of Creditors' Meeting in Administration Proceedings
IN THE MATTER OF EVENT GROUP PLC
and IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
Notice is hereby given that a meeting of creditors in the above matter is to be held at The Sherlock Holmes Hotel, 108 Baker Street, London W1 on 21 April 1993 at 1030 hours to consider my proposals under s.23(1) of the Insolvency Act 1986 and to consider establishing a creditors' committee.
In order to be entitled to vote at the meeting you must give to me, not later than 1200 hours on the business day before the day fixed for the meeting, details in writing of your claim.
Dated: 7 April 1993
R Hocking, Joint Administrator

Notice of appointment of liquidator Voluntary winding up Creditors
Pursuant to section 109 of the Insolvency Act 1986
Company Number: 2665808.
Name of company: London Distributions Limited. Nature of business: Parcel Distributions Services. Address of registered office: Trevlet House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex, IG1 1JQ. Type of Liquidation: Creditors Voluntary. Liquidator: R A Segal & Co., Trevlet House 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex IG1 1JQ. Office holder no: 002688. Date of appointment: 31 March 1993. By whom appointed: The Members & Creditors. Date 31 March 1993.

RE: G L P C LIMITED AND THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at Trevlet House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex, IG1 1JQ, on Wednesday the 21st April 1993, at 10.00 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.
A list of the names and addresses of the Company's Creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at the offices of R Segal & Co., Trevlet House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex, IG1 1JQ, between 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. as from Monday 19th April 1993.
Dated this 1st day of April 1993.
M J McPartlan, Director.

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
GREENRIGHT LTD formerly FAWNLINE (NORWICH) LTD
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held on 30 April 1993 at 4 Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN at 3.00 pm for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 et seq of the said Act.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington, FIPA of 4, Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98 (2)(a) of the said Act who will furnish Creditors with such information as they may require.
DATED this 6th day of April 1993.
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
John Playle, DIRECTOR

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DECLARE A DIVIDEND
S.I.S. (UK) LIMITED
IN LIQUIDATION
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Rule 11.2(1A) of the Insolvency Rules 1986, that the joint liquidators of the above-named company intend paying a dividend to creditors. The creditors of the company are required, on or before 17th May 1993 to submit their proofs of debt to the undersigned Ian Frances of 24 Cornhill Place, London W2 1EP the Joint Liquidator of the company, and, if so requested, to provide such further details or produce such documentary or other evidence as may appear to the undersigned necessary. A creditor who has not proved his debt before the date mentioned above is not entitled to disturb, by reason that he has not participated in it, the first dividend or any other dividend declared before his debt is proved.
Date: 8th April 1993
I FRANSES, Joint Liquidator.

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
RULE 4.106(1)
OPPORTUNITY INVESTMENTS LIMITED. In Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation
Notice is hereby given that I, Eric John Shuttleworth, Chartered Accountant, of Leach Bright & Partners, Barratt House, Chestnut Avenue, Guildford, Surrey, GU1 3HG, am appointed Liquidator of the above named company on 6 April 1993.
All creditors who have not already done so are invited to prove their debts in writing to me at the above address.
No further public notice or advertisement to prove debts will be given.
Date: 6 April 1993
E J Shoebam, Liquidator.

The Insolvency Act 1986
808 PAPER LIMITED
(In Liquidation)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that John Colin Shuttleworth of Shuttleworth & Co., 20 Hillsdon Avenue, Orpington BR6 0PS, was appointed Liquidator of the said Company by the Creditors on 6th April 1993.
Dated this 7th day of April 1993.
J.C. Shuttleworth, Liquidator.

PUBLIC NOTICES

The Automobile Association
ANNUAL
GENERAL MEETING 1993
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual General Meeting of The Automobile Association will be held at The Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre, Broad Sanctuary, Westminster, London, on Thursday, 20 May 1993 at 11.30 am to receive the Report of the Committee and the Accounts and Balance Sheet for the year ended 31 December 1992, to elect members of the Committee, to elect the Auditor and to deal with any other business which the Meeting is competent to transact.
Dated 7 April 1993
By order of the Committee of The Automobile Association
C J SKIDEN, Secretary
Fanum House
Basingstoke Hants RG21 2EA
Copies of the Report and Accounts together with any Members' Resolutions for consideration at the Meeting are available to Members on application to the Secretary.
Members are reminded to bring their AA membership card with them.

STOCK MARKET

Profit-takers turn off electricity

A WAVE of profit-taking among the major utilities dragged the market down as analysts advised investors to switch into cyclical companies, which benefit during economic expansion.

Electricity shares eased after a strong performance in recent weeks. **Eastern Electricity** dimmed 11p to 485p, **East Midlands** 13p to 474p, **London** 15p to 484p, **Manweb** 13p to 535p, **Seeboard** 15p to 513p, **Southern** 13p to 483p, **South Wales** 13p to 557p, **South West** 14p to 517p and **Yorkshire** 13p to 539p. Among the generators, **National Power** faded 7½p to 340½p and **PowerGen** lost 8p to 345p, while **ScottishPower** fell 8p to 326p and **Scottish Hydro** 9½p to 346½p.

Among the water stocks, **Anglian** lost 11p to 527p, **Thames** 9p to 541p, **Severn Trent** 9p to 515p and **North West** 8p to 517p.

Meanwhile, shares drifted lower in mixed trading. News that the Fayed brothers had sold their entire shareholding in Sears, at a substantial loss, dominated the day. Sears dipped 4p to 101p after news that the Fayeds had sold their 10.56 per cent stake in the Selfridges to Dolcis shoe shops group. The Fayeds, who control House of Fraser, are understood to have incurred a £70 million loss on the sale.

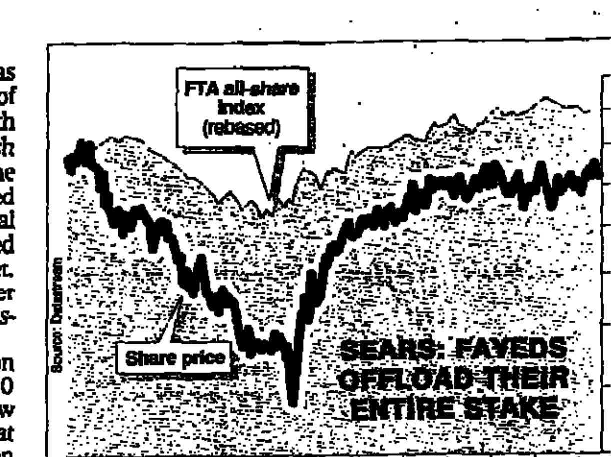
A total of 156 million Sears shares were sold through a placing by Goldman Sachs, the American securities house, with institutional investors snapping up the stock at 101p a share.

Proceeds from the sale amounted to £158 million, compared with a 1987 purchase price of £222.6 million. House of Fraser said the sale proceeds would cut debts and fund other moves.

The equity market was again becalmed by the lack of major corporate news, with any direction in the cash market largely driven by the futures. Better than expected manufacturing and industrial production figures provided an early lift to the market, although prices drifted lower with some pointing to decreasing prospects of a rate cut.

Despite a positive start on Wall Street, the FT-SE 100 index traded in a narrow range, ending 4.7 lower at 2,842.1, despite having been up 9 points in the morning. Volume was swollen by 309 million Sears shares and reached a healthy total of 822 million shares.

Heavy trading in **Laporte** saw the shares dip 4p to 631p, on volume of 4.6 million as two lines of 1 million shares went through the market. Elsewhere, **Trafalgar House** A added 2p to 79p on news that Hongkong Land has raised its stake in the construction to property and shipping group to 25.1 per cent.



Thomas Cook's 150p a share tender for a further 12.5 per cent of **Owners Abroad**, which recently saw off a £290 million hostile bid from its Airtours rival, proved to be a relative success. The German-owned travel agent and financial services group received acceptances for its offer in respect of 75.9 per cent of Owners' issued share capital. After completion of the tender, which was more than six times oversubscribed and will be scaled down, Thomas Cook will hold 21.4 per cent of Owners' issued ordinary capital and 16.9 per cent of the fully diluted share capital. Owners fell 4p to 110p, while Airtours rose 10½p to 289½p.

The breakthrough in talks between China and Britain on Hong Kong and the resulting surge in the Hang Seng index helped companies exposed to the Colony. **HSBC Holdings**, Midland Bank's parent, gained 8p to 631p. **Cable and Wireless** put on 3p to 750p and **Inchcape** 4p to 605p.

BOC Group fell 16p to 707p, depressed by a weaker dollar and investors' worries that a US competitor was poised to grab American market share after January's expiry of BOC's patent on Forane anaesthetic gas.

Other big American earners were unsettled by a weaker dollar. **Reuters** lost 10p to £13.16 and **Hanson** was 1p lower at 229½p.

ICI added 24p to £11.67 on news that its soon to be floated Zeneca subsidiary planned to expand production of Quorn, a meat substitute.

ICI also received a late boost after reports that PaineWebber, an American securities house, had raised its first-quarter and full-year earnings estimates.

Abbey National firmed 1p to 379p, buoyed by positive noises from Credit Lyonnais Laing. But **BP** lost 3½p to 301p, on volume of 4.5 million, with persistent reports of selling in New York.

There was also talk of American selling depressing some of the telephone stocks. **BT** fell 4½p to 426½p, on volume of 3.7 million, while **Vodafone** eased 4p to 384p.

W H Smith A lost 6p to 414p, despite a £7 million profits upgrade to £107 million from Kleinwort Benson, on brighter DIY prospects.

Tie Rack jumped 10p to 126p, as cost cutting and strong trading helped the niche retailer unveil a better than expected surge in full-year profits to £5.1 million and a doubled dividend. Roy Bishko, chairman, anticipates a year of solid progress, prompting profit upgrades from most analysts.

The money traded out of the utilities went into cyclicals, with food manufacturers and retailers particularly favoured. **Cadbury Schweppes** added 10p to 480p, while **AB Foods** gained 11p to 506p. **Kwik Save** 6p to 750p, **Argyll** 11p to 334p and **J Sainsbury** 3p to 475p.

PHILIP PANGALOS

China talks prompt HK records

FROM LULU YU IN HONG KONG

THE Hong Kong stock market saw record prices and turnover yesterday on news that Britain and China would go back to the negotiating table after a six-month diplomatic stalemate.

Despite uncertainty about the outcome of the talks on Hong Kong's political future, euphoric buying pushed the Hang Seng index up 372 points, nearly 6 per cent, to a record of 6,790. Turnover of HK$7.73 billion (£655 million) was the heaviest ever.

The sharp rises followed a 133-point climb on Tuesday, and strong buying in London overnight. Dealers said institutions led the rally, but small investors are expected to jump on the bandwagon in the next few days.

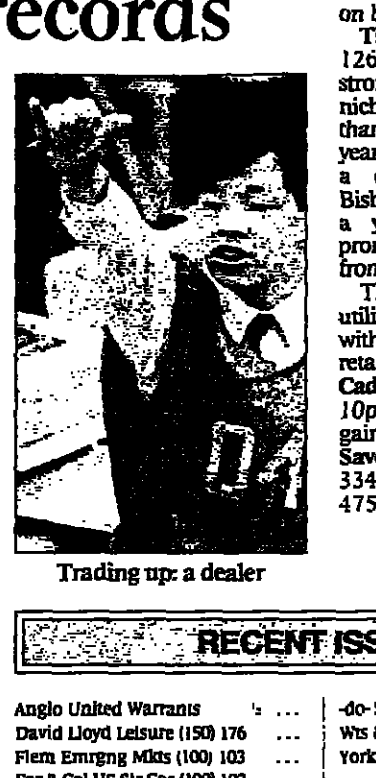
April Hang Seng index futures rose 355 points and closed at a 65-point premium to cash at 6,855, indicating the market's optimism.

Jardine Matheson, the British blue chip, was the most sought-after stock, rising HK$7 to HK$55 after being depressed for months because of China's attacks on the Keswick-controlled group. HSBC Holdings, the Hongkong Bank parent, rose HK$4 to HK$73.50.

The news of the diplomatic breakthrough took the market by storm, partly because it was unexpected and partly because investors had been waiting so long on the sidelines. Hong Kong is considered to have the strongest economic fundamentals in Asia. The only obstacle had been politics. During the past few months, Peking has threatened British trade interests.

Brokers believe the index will at least hold at the present level but probably meet some resistance at 7,000.

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Trading up: a dealer

WORLD MARKETS

Wall Street edges up in morning trade

New York — Wall Street shares posted modest gains in late morning trading in a market whose performance traders say is hinged on earnings reports.

The Dow Jones industrial average was up 11.89 points to 3,455.92 and advancing shares led declining shares by eight to seven.

☐ **Tokyo** — Japanese shares closed down on index-linked selling and profit-taking after Tuesday's surge, when the Nikkei index jumped more than 850 points to rise above 20,000.

The Nikkei average was down 206.01 points, or 1 per cent, to 20,533.38, with an estimated 850 million shares traded.

☐ **Frankfurt** — German shares recovered from early lows to end little changed as the market continued to wait for clear interest rate easing from the Bundesbank.

The Dax index finished 1.39 points higher at 1,672.44.

☐ **Sydney** — Australian shares closed at a three-year high after the key market indicator burst through its psychological ceiling of 1,700 points. The all-ordinaries index closed up 15.7 points at 1,704.4.

☐ The Straits Times industrial index rose 15.1 points to 1,708.61. *(Reuter)*

WALL STREET

	Apr 14 midday	Apr 13 close
AMP Inc	59¾	60¼
AMR Corp	68¾	69¼
Abbott Labs	24¾	25
Aetna Life	50⅜	50¾
Ahmanson (HF)	19⅛	19¼
Air Prod & Chem	41¼	43
Albertson's	56¾	56¼
Alcan Aluminum	17¼	17¼
Alco Standard	46¼	46¼
Allied Signal	68	67
Alum Co of Am	63	62¾
Amax	16¼	16¾
Amerada Hess	55¾	56
Amer Brands	30⅞	30¾
Amer Cyanamid	49⅞	49¼
Amer El Power	37⅜	38¼
Amer Express	29⅜	29¼
Amer Genl Corp	32¾	32¾
Amer Home Pr	63¼	63⅝
Amer Intl	129¼	128¼
Amer Stores	40¾	40¾
Amer T & T	58¼	59¼
Ameritech	77¼	77¼
Amoco	59¾	58¼
Anheuser-Busch	51¼	51¼
Apple Computer	48¼	48¼
Archer Daniels	24¼	24¼
Arkla	9¾	9¼
Armco	6¾	6¾
Armstrng Wrld	33¾	33¼
Asarco	21¾	21
Ashland Oil	27¼	27¼
Atl Richfield	126¼	126¼
Auto Data Pro	51¾	52
Avery Dennison	29¼	29¾
Avon Products	61¼	61
Baker Hughes	25¼	25¾
Baltim Gas & El	26	26
Banc One	61	61
BankAmerica	53¼	52¾
Bank of NY	61¼	61¼
Bankers Tr NY	76¼	76¾
Barnett Banks	48¼	48¾
Bausch & Lomb	51¾	51¾
Baxter Intl	28¼	28¼
Becton Dicknsn	34¾	34¾
Bell Atlantic	54¼	54¾
BellSouth	56¼	55¾
Black & Decker	17¾	18
Block (H&R)	34¼	34¾
Boeing	36¾	36¾
Boise Cascade	24¼	25¼
Borden Inc	25¼	25¼
Bristol Myrs Sq	58¾	58¾
Browning Ferris	27	26¾
Burlington Nthn	54	54¼
CBS	236	237¼
CNA Financial	97¾	98
CPC Intl	42¾	43
CSX	73¼	72¼
Campbell Soup	40¼	40¾
Can Pacific	15¼	15¾
Cptl Cities ABC	546	546¾
Cptl Holdings	83	82¾
Carolina Pwr	33	33¾
Caterpillar	60¾	61¼
Central & SW	33¾	33¾
Champion Intl	31¼	31
Chase Manhat	37¼	37¼
Chemical Bk	43¼	43¾
Chevron Corp	84¾	84¾
Chrysler	42¾	42¾
Chubb Corp	95¼	95¾
Cigna Corp	61¼	61¼
Citicorp	30¼	30¾
Clorox	48¼	48¾
Coastal Corp	27¼	26¼
Coca Cola	39¼	39¾
Colgate-Palmolive	61¼	62¾
Columbia Gas	22¼	22¾
Commonw Ed	28¾	28¾
Compaq Comp	52	50¾
Comp Ass Int	23¼	24¼
Conagra	24¾	24¾
Cons Edison	36¼	36¼
Cons Nat Gas	50¼	50¾
Cons Rail	59¾	59¾
Cooper Inds	46¾	47
Corning Inc	34¼	34¾
Crown Cork	38¼	38¾
Dana Corp	47¾	46¾
Dayton Hudson	78¼	79
Deere	58¼	58¾
Delta Air Lines	57	57¾
Deluxe Corp	43¼	43¾
Detroit Edison	35¾	35¾
Digital Equip	42¾	39¾
Dillard Dept St	38¼	38¼
Disney (Walt)	41¼	43¾
Dominion Res	44¾	45
Donnelley (RR)	28¼	28¼
Dover Corp	49	48¾
Dow Chemicals	49¾	49¼
Dow Jones	32	32
Dresser	21¼	21¾
Duke Power	40¼	40¾
Dun & Brdstreet	59¼	59¾
Du Pont	50¾	50¾
Eastman Kodak	55¼	55¼
Eaton Corp	87¼	87

	Apr 14 midday	Apr 13 close
Emerson Elec	61	61¼
Engelhard Corp	36	35¾
Enron Corp	60¾	60¾
Entergy Corp	37¼	37
Ethyl Corp	29	28¼
Exxon	68¼	68¾
FMC Corp	46¼	46¼
FPL Group	37¼	37¾
Federal Express	53¼	53¼
Fed Nat Mtge	83¼	81¾
First Chicago	45	44¾
First Interstate	60¼	60¾
First Union Rlty	12¼	12¼
Fleet Finl Grp	37¼	37¼
Fluor Corp	43¼	43¾
Ford Motor	54¼	54¾
GTE Corp	36¾	36
Gannett	53¾	54¼
Gap Inc Del	30¾	30¼
Gen Cinema	35¾	35¾
Gen Dynamics	97¾	98¼
Gen Electric	94	93
Gen Mills	67¼	67¼
Gen Motors	40¼	39¾
Gen Reinsurance	117¼	117¼
Gen Signal	62¼	62¼
Genuine Parts	35	35
Georgia Pac	61¼	60¾
Gillette	55¼	56¾
Glaxo ADR	17¼	17
Goodrich (BF)	45¾	48
Goodyear Tire	79¼	78¼
Grace (W&R)	40¼	39¼
Gt Atl Pac Tea	27¼	26¾
Great Wstn Fin	18¼	18¼
Halliburton	37¾	37¼
Heinz (HJ)	37¼	37¼
Hercules	76	76¼
Hershey Foods	52¾	53¼
Hewlett Packard	74¼	74¾
Hilton Hotels	46¼	48
Home Depot	43¾	59¾
Homestake	13¼	13¾
Honeywell	33¼	33¼
Household Intl	71¼	71¼
Houston Inds	47¼	48
Humana	6¾	6¾
ITT Corp	80¼	80¾
Illinois Tool	75¼	74¼
INCO	23¼	23
Ingersoll Rand	30¾	30¾
Inland Steel	22¾	22¼
Intel Corp	111¼	112¼
IBM	48¼	49¼
Intl Flav & Fr	115¼	114¾
Intl Paper	63¼	62¾
James River Va	19	19
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	39¾	39¾
K Mart	22¾	22¼
Kellogg	57¼	58¼
Kerr-McGee	40¾	40¾
Kimberly-Clark	50¼	53¾
Knight-Ridder	57¼	57¾
Lilly (Eli)	48¼	45¾
Limited Inc	23¾	23¾
LIN Brdcstng	81	81¼
Lincoln Nat	81¼	82¾
Litton	57¾	57¾
Liz Claiborne	35¼	35¾
Lockheed Corp	62¾	63¼
Louisiana Pac	72¾	72¼
MCI Commun	47¼	47¾
Marriott	29¼	29¼
Marsh & McLnn	94¼	94¼
Martin Marietta	74¼	74¾
Masco Corp	32¾	33
May Dept St	77¼	78¼
Maytag Corp	13¼	13¾
McCaw Cellular	35¼	38¼
McDonalds	50	50¾
McDonnell D	59¾	59¾
McGraw Hill	63¼	62¼
Mead Corp	42¼	42¼
Medtronic	58¾	57¼
Mellon Bk	66¼	66¾
Melville Corp	46	46¼
Merck Inc	33¾	33¾
Merrill Lynch	77¼	78¾
Minnesota Mine	112¾	110¼
Mobil Corp	70¾	71
Monsanto	52¾	52¾
Morgan (JP)	72¼	72¾
Motorola Inc	72	71¾
Natl Medical	8¼	8¼
Natl Semi	13¾	13¾
Natl Service Ind	25¼	25¾
Navistar Int	2¾	2¾
NBD Bancorp	34¼	35¼
NY Times A	30¼	30¼
Newmont Mng	42¼	41
Niag Mohawk	22¾	22¼
Nike B	73¼	74¼
NL Industries	5¼	5¾
Nordstrom	30	30¾
Norfolk Sthrn	64¼	65
Nthn State Pwr	46¼	46
Norwest Corp	55¾	56¼
Nynex Corp	89¾	90
Occidental Pet	23¼	23¼
Ohio Edison	25¼	25¾

	Apr 14 midday	Apr 13 close
Oracle Systems	34¼	34¾
Oryx Energy Co	24¼	24¼
PNC Financial	36¼	36¼
PPG Industries	69¼	68¼
Paccar Inc	64¼	65
Pacificorp	19	18¾
Pac Enterprises	24¼	24¼
Pac Gas & Elect	34¼	34¾
Pac Telesis	48¼	48¼
Pall Corp	18¾	18¾
Panhandle East	23¾	22¾
Paramnt Comm	50¾	51
Parker Hannifin	30¼	31
Penney (JC)	87¼	89¾
Pennzoil	58¼	58¾
Pepsico	39¾	39¾
Pfizer	60¾	60¾
Phelps Dodge	45	44¾
Philadel Elec	31	30¾
Philip Morris	48¼	48¼
Phillips Pet	30¾	30¾
Pitney Bowes	43¼	43¼
Polaroid	28¼	28¼
Price Co	30¼	30¾
Primerica	49¾	49
Procter & Gmbl	48	48
Pub Serv E & G	34¼	34¾
Quaker Oats	63	63¾
Ralston Purina	47¾	48¾
Raychem Corp	39¼	39¼
Raytheon	58¾	58¾
Reebok Intl	33¼	34
Reynolds Metals	45¼	44¾
Roadway Srvcs	62¾	63¼
Rockwell Intl	32¼	32¾
Rohm & Haas	55¾	55¾
Royal Dutch	90¾	91
Rubbermaid	33¾	33¼
Safeco Corp	62¼	62¼
St Paul's Cos	79¼	79¾
Salomon Inc	38¾	38¼
Santa Fe S Pac	15¼	15¼
Sara Lee Corp	26¾	26¾
Scecorp	48	47¼
Schering Plough	60	60¼
Schlumberger	64¾	64¾
Scott Paper	36¾	36¼
Seagram	27¼	27¼
Sears Roebuck	54¼	57¼
Shell Trans	54¼	55¾
Sherwin Wllms	34¼	33¼
Skyline Corp	19¾	19¼
Snap-On-Tools	33¼	33¾
Southern Co	44¼	44¾
Sthwestern Bell	78	77¼
Sprint Corp	32¼	32¾
Stanley Works	46¼	47
Sun Company	23¾	24
Suntrust	48¾	48¾
Supervalu	32	32
Syntex Corp	17¼	18
Sysco Corp	23¾	23¼
TRW Inc	64¼	64¼
Tandem Comp	11¼	11¾
Tandy Corp	30¾	30¼
Telecom Corp	2¼	2¼
Teledyne	22¼	22¾
Temple Inland	45¾	45¾
Tenneco	48¼	49
Texaco	64¼	64¾
Texas Inst	56	56¾
Texas Utilities	46¼	45¾
Textron	47¼	46¾
Time Warner	33¾	34¾
Times-Mirror	31¼	31¼
Timken	29¼	29¾
Torchmark	60¾	61¼
Toys R Us	40¾	40¼
Transamerica	54	54¾
Travelers Corp	27¾	27¼
Tribune	55¼	56¼
Tyco Labs	44	44
UAL Corp	141	143¼
UST Inc	28¾	29¾
USX Marathon	19¾	19¼
Unilever NV	115¾	115¾
Union Camp	43	42¼
Union Carbide	18¼	18¾
Union Pacific	65¾	65¾
Unisys Corp	13¼	13¾
USAIR Group	22¾	23¾
USF&G Corp	17¼	17
US Life	38¼	38¾
US West	43	42¾
United Tech	49¼	49¾
Unocal Corp	30¾	30¾
Upjohn	28	28
VF Corp	50¾	51
Wal-Mart Stores	28¼	28¾
Warner-Lambert	69¼	69¾
Waste Mgmnt Inc	33¼	31¼
Wells Fargo	114¼	115¾
Westinghse El	15¼	15¼
Weyerhaeuser	43¾	43¼
Whirlpool	55¾	55¾
Whitman	14¼	14¼
Winn Dixie	57¼	59¾
Woolworth	31	31
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	32¾	31¼
Xerox	79¼	79¾

BRITISH FUNDS

GOVERNMENT stocks went on the retreat. The future opened at Tuesday's closing levels but the gilt market drifted lower after better-than-expected manufacturing and industrial production data, decreasing prospects of a rate cut. The future ended a full point lower at £106¹⁴/₃₂, on a heavy volume of 39,000 contracts, and continued to slip in after-hours trade when it touched £106¹⁰/₃₂.

Shorts were hit hard, depressed by the increasing expectation among traders that the next gilt auction will be announced by the Bank of England tomorrow. Gilts dealers seem to think that five-year stock may be issued this time, with Treasury 7¼ per cent 1998 expected to be the most likely.

Among stocks, Treasury 7¼ per cent 1998 closed 21 ticks lower at £101²⁵/₃₂ — a fairly big fall for five-year stock.

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gts red yld
		SHORTS (under 5 years)				
103⅛	101⅞	Treas 12½% 1993	101⅞	-⅛	12.29	5.72
100⅝	99⅞	Fund 6% 1993	100⅝	...	5.99	5.76
106¾	104⅞	Treas 13¼% 1993	104⅞	-⅛	13.11	5.67
102⅞	101⅞	Treas 8¼% 1994	102⅝	...	8.31	5.63
109¼	107¼	Treas 14½% 1994	107¼	-¼	13.49	5.66
109⅞	107¼	Exch 13½% 1994	107¼ †	-⅛	12.53	5.71
105⅞	104⅞	Treas 10% 1994	104⅞	-⅛	9.55	5.76
110⅛	108⅞	Exch 12½% 1994	108⅞	...	11.50	5.87
105⅞	103⅞	Treas 9% 1994	104⅞xd	-⅛	8.60	5.92
111⅞	109¼	Treas 12% 1995	110	-⅛	10.91	6.04
96¼	94	Gas 3% 1990-95	96¼ †	...	3.12	5.05
109¼	107¼	Exch 10¼% 1995	108⅞	-⅛	9.43	6.15
116¼	114⅞	Treas 12¾% 1995	115⅝ †	-⅛	11.06	6.27
120¼	117⅞	Treas 14% 1996	118⅞	-⅛	11.77	6.46
125¼	122¼	Treas 15¼% 1996	123⅞xd	-⅛	12.33	6.59
120⅞	116⅞	Exch 13¼% 1996	118⅞ †	-⅛	11.20	6.62
111¼	109	Conv 10% 1996	110⅞xd	-⅛	9.04	6.65
122⅞	119⅞	Treas 13¼% 1997	121	-⅛	10.95	6.85
113¾	110⅞	Exch 10½% 1997	112⅞	-⅛	9.34	6.79
108⅞	105¼	Treas 8¾% 1997	107⅞	-⅛	8.15	6.79
132⅞	128⅞	Exch 15% 1997	130⅞xd	-⅛	11.51	7.07
112¾	109⅞	Exch 9¾% 1998	111⅛	-⅛	8.78	6.99
		MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)				
103¼	99⅞	Treas 7¼% 1998	101⅞	-⅛	7.11	6.81
101	97⅞	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	100⅛ †	-⅛	6.74	6.74
138⅞	134⅞	Treas 15½% 1998	136¾	-⅛	11.34	7.27
122¾	118⅞	Exch 12% 1998	120⅞xd	-⅛	9.92	7.38
112¾	108⅞	Treas 9½% 1999	110⅞	-⅛	8.56	7.19
124⅞	120⅞	Exch 12¼% 1999	122⅞	-⅛	9.97	7.45
117⅞	113¼	Treas 10½% 1999	115⅞ †	-⅛	9.09	7.31
117⅞	112⅞	Conv 10¼% 1999	115	-⅛	8.91	7.34
110⅞	106	Conv 9% 2000	109⅛	-⅛	8.24	7.29
131	125¼	Treas 13% 2000	128⅞	-⅛	10.09	7.73
115⅞	109⅞	Treas 10% 2001	113¼	-⅛	8.78	7.64
129¼	125⅞	Treas 14% 1998-01	127⅞	-⅛	10.98	7.44
114⅞	108¾	Treas 9¾% 2002	113⅛	-⅛	8.62	7.78
103⅞	97⅞	Treas 8% 2003	102¼	-⅛	7.83	7.71
116⅞	109¾	Treas 10% 2003	114⅞	-⅛	8.77	7.90
122⅞	116¼	Treas 11½% 2001-04	120¼	-⅛	9.51	7.92
74⅞	67⅞	Fund 3½% 1999-04	72¾	-⅛	4.84	7.12
112¾	105¾	Conv 9½% 2004	111¼ †	-⅛	8.54	8.00
112⅞	105¾	Conv 9½% 2005	111¼ †	-⅛	8.54	8.04
131¼	124⅞	Treas 12½% 2003-05	129⅞xd	-⅛	9.63	8.24
101⅛	94⅞	Treas 8% 2002-06	100⅛	-⅛	7.96	7.98
125⅞	118⅞	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	123⅞	-⅛	9.48	8.16
104¼	97⅞	Treas 8½% 2007	103⅛	-¼	8.24	8.13
139¾	131⅞	Treas 13½% 2004-08	137¼	-⅛	9.81	8.23
		LONGS (over 15 years)				
108⅞	101¼	Treas 9% 2008	107⅞xd†	-⅛	8.37	8.15
99¼	92⅞	Treas 8% 2009	98⅞	-⅛	8.11	8.19
108⅛	100⅛	Conv 9% 2011	106⅞	-⅛	8.43	8.28
108⅞	100⅞	Treas 9% 2012	106⅛	-⅛	8.43	8.30
76⅞	70¼	Treas 5½% 2008-12	75⅞	-⅛	7.24	7.96
97⅞	89¾	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	95¾	-⅛	8.13	8.22
135⅞	125⅞	Exch 12% 2013-17	133¾	-¼	8.98	8.52
105⅞	97⅛	Treas 8¾% 2017	104⅛	-⅛	8.40	8.36
		UNDATED				
48¼	43¾	Consols 4%	47⅞	-⅛	8.39	...
42⅞	38¾	War Ln 3½%	41⅞	-⅛	8.37	...
63	60¾	Conv 3½%	62¾	...	5.59	...
31¾	28¾	Consols 2½%	31¼	-¼	7.97	...
30⅞	27⅞	Treas 2½%	30⅞	+⅛	8.23	...
		INDEX-LINKED				
133¼	131¾	Treas IL 2% 1994	133 †	-¼	...	1.04
197¾	194⅞	Treas IL 2% 1996	196⅞	-¼	1.73	2.44
109⅞	105⅞	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	108⅛ †	-¼	2.11	2.66
166¼	159	Treas IL 2½% 2001	166⅛	-¼	2.66	2.99
163⅞	155	Treas IL 2½% 2003	163⅞ †	-¼	2.79	3.07
111⅞	105¼	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	110⅛ †	-¼	2.95	3.21
170⅞	159¼	Treas IL 2% 2006	169⅞	-¼	2.97	3.18
154⅞	144	Treas IL 2½% 2009	153⅞ †	-¼	3.18	3.37
159⅞	148⅞	Treas IL 2½% 2011	158⅞	-⅛	3.25	3.42
131¼	122⅞	Treas IL 2½% 2013	130¼	-⅛	3.31	3.47
139⅞	130⅞	Treas IL 2½% 2016	138⅞	-⅛	3.37	3.52
133⅞	124⅞	Treas IL 2½% 2020	132⅞ †	-⅛	3.43	3.55
111¾	102¾	Treas IL 2½% 2024	110⅛	-⅛	3.47	3.59
111⅞	103¼	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	110¼	-⅛	3.48	3.60

RECENT ISSUES

Anglo United Warrants	½	...
David Lloyd Leisure (150)	176	...
Flem Emrgng Mkts (100)	103	...
For & Col US Slr Cos (100)	102	...
For & Col US Slr Wts	41	...
Hambros Ins Serv (138)	145	...
Holliday Chemical (195)	208	-1
Motor World (210)	263	...
Pilot Inv Trust (100)	97½	...
Pilot Inv Wts	27	...
Qlty Software Prods (380)	471	-9
Schroder Split Fund (100)	104½	...
-do- Split Fund Cap (20)	20	...
-do- Split Zero Div Pf (100)	101½	-½
Wts & Value Inv Tst (25)	25½	...
Yorkshire Food (110)	135	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

Bemrose n/p (265)	62	...
Bilston & Battersea n/p (20)	9	...
Clyde Petroleum n/p (44)	2½	-¼
Ensor n/p (10)	¼	...
Ingham n/p (100)	6	...
Low & Bonar n/p (265)	59	...
Medeva n/p (180)	21½	+½
Slough Estates n/p (150)	19	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

Iceland Frozen .... 680p (+11p)
Erith .... 46p (+9p)
Siebe .... 475p (+10p)
Swire Pacific 'A' .... 309p (+17p)
Wellcome .... 719p (+11p)
Airtours .... 289½p (+10½p)
Independent .... 520p (+40p)
Assoc Brit Foods .... 506p (+11p)
Intereurope .... 163p (+10p)
J Smurfit .... 279p (+11p)
ICI .... 1167p (+24p)
Tie Rack .... 126p (+10p)

FALLS:

Wolv & Dudley .... 565p (-11p)
Reuters .... 1316p (-10p)
Commercial Union .... 617p (-11p)
Legal & General .... 453p (-12p)
Liberty Life .... 776p (-43p)
Blenheim Group .... 517p (-16p)
Ranger Oil .... 290p (-10p)
Sappi .... 333p (-29p)

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FT-SE VOLUMES

ASDA Gp	3,600	Carlton Cm	1,500	Land Secs	592	Scot Hydro	3,200
Abbey Natl	2,700	Coats Vly	2,700	Legal & Gn	988	Scot & New	553
Alld-Lyons	1,300	Cm Union	1,400	Lloyds Bk	1,800	Scot Power	4,300
Anglian W	942	Courtaulds	973	MB Cardn	294	Sears	309,000
Argyll Gp	3,600	De La Rue	196	Marks Spr	5,500	Svrn Trent	1,300
Arjo Wiggn	274	Eng China	1,300	NFC	771	Shell Trans	3,300
AB Foods	539	Enterpr Oil	941	NatWst Bk	2,000	Siebe	697
BAA	587	Fisons	5,100	Nat Power	2,600	SmKl Bch	1,400
BAT Inds	1,700	Forte	2,400	Nth Wst W	461	Smith Nph	1,500
BOC	2,500	GRE	348	Nthrn Fds	1,200	Sthrn Elec	537
BP	4,500	GUS A	633	P & O	1,100	Sid Chartd	473
BT	3,700	Gen Acc	1,300	Pearson	567	Sun Allnce	1,700
BTR	1,500	Gen Elec	4,600	PowerGen	1,400	TI Gp	690
Bk of Scot	8,600	Glaxo	5,500	Prudential	1,700	TSB	663
Barclays	1,400	Granada	2,300	RTZ	2,600	Tate & Lyle	939
Bass	1,300	Grand Met	4,200	Rank Org	472	Tesco	4,300
Blue Circle	3,300	Guinness	1,300	Reckitt Col	688	Thames W	1,000
Boots	2,300	HSBC	2,500	Redland	800	Thrn EMI	558
Bowater	*1,200*	*Hanson*	*6,000*	*Reed Intl*	*530*	*Tomkins*	*2,400*
Brit Airwys	1,400	ICI	1,700	Rentokil	1,100	Unilever	671
Brit Gas	8,300	Inchcape	1,000	Reuters	1,200	Utd Bisc	1,300
Brit Steel	*4,600*	*Kingfisher*	*669*	*Rothmans*	*305*	*Vodafone*	*1,700*
Burmah	1,200	Kwik Save	350	Ryl Ins	760	Wellcome	603
Cable Wire	3,700	LASMO	2,200	Ryl Bk Scot	4,900	Whitbd 'A'	1,100
Cadbury	*2,000*	*Ladbroke*	*1,500*	*Sainsbury*	*1,100*	*Wllms Hld*	*783*

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones .... 3455.37 (+11.34)
S&P Composite .... 449.21 (-0.01)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge .... 20533.38 (-206.91)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 6789.74 (+371.53)

Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency .... 109.2 (+0.6)

Sydney: AO .... 1704.4 (+15.6)

Frankfurt:
DAX .... 1672.44 (+1.39)

FT 30 share: .... 2199.3 (+3.0)

Brussels:
General .... 6295.38 (-18.07)

Paris: CAC .... 541.01 (+3.58)

Zurich: SKA Gen .... 491.4 (-2.1)

London:
FT A All-Share .... 1393.49 (-2.24)
FT 500 .... *1520.99 (-2.65)*
FT Gold Mines .... 111.5 (-2.0)
FT Fixed Interest .... 113.01 (-0.01)
FT Govt Secs .... 97.12 (-0.48)
Bargains 26830
SEAQ Volume 819.6m
USM (Datastrm) .... 131.39 (+0.01)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
April 5	April 16	July 15	July 26

Call options were taken out on 14/4/93: BM Group, BM Group pref, Baltic, BAT, CrestaCare, Kewill Systems, Lynx Holdings, Manchester United, Ratners, Tarmac.
Put: Sturge Holdings.
Puts & Calls: Higgs & Hill, Medeva.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Jun 93	2869.0	2874.0	2850.0	2854.0	6862
Previous open interest: 42080	Sep 93				2872.5	0
Three Month Sterling	*Jun 93*	*94.24*	*94.24*	*94.11*	*94.12*	*30168*
Previous open interest: 284504	Sep 93	94.37	94.38	94.20	94.22	16491
	Dec 93	94.38	94.38	94.20	94.21	5426
Three Mth Eurodollar	*Jun 93*	*96.76*	*96.78*	*96.76*	*96.78*	*203*
Previous open interest: 17300	Sep 93	96.67	96.67	96.66	96.67	150
Three Mth Euro DM	Jun 93	92.84	92.87	92.74	92.76	39136
Previous open interest: 494036	*Sep 93*	*93.74*	*93.76*	*93.63*	*93.64*	*31576*
US Treasury Bond	Jun 93				112-01	0
Previous open interest: 1	Sep 93				110-24	0
Long Gilt	Jun 93	107-14	107-14	106-10	106-14	43098
Previous open interest: 61918	Sep 93	106-00	106-00	105-18	105-18	120
Japanese Govmt Bond	Jun 93	108.64	108.69	108.60	108.68	1040
	Sep 93				108.01	0
German Govmt Bond	Jun 93	96.52	96.60	96.21	96.24	58939
Previous open interest: 142192	Sep 93	96.82	96.82	96.70	96.52	417
Three month ECU	Jun 93	91.93	91.93	91.80	91.80	1400
Previous open interest: 17488	Sep 93	92.85	92.85	92.71	92.71	452
Euro Swiss Franc	Jun 93	95.55	95.55	95.38	95.39	7753
Previous open interest: 33277	Sep 93	95.86	95.88	95.80	95.80	1159
Italian Govmt Bond	Jun 93	95.40	95.50	94.90	94.95	12786
Previous open interest: 50222	Sep 93	95.27	95.27	95.10	94.85	3

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was up at 80.8 (day's range 80.4-80.9).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for April 14	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.7570-2.7823	2.7719-2.7754	⅜-⅛ds	1⅛-1⅜ds
Brussels	50.51-50.93	50.82-50.93	8-12ds	23-29ds
Copenhagen	9.4360-9.5100	9.4780-9.5000	3⅞-5⅜ds	12⅞-15⅜ds
Dublin	1.0115-1.0145	1.0120-1.0141	19-24ds	52-62ds
Frankfurt	2.4568-2.4765	2.4708-2.4740	⅜-⅝ds	1⅛-1⅜ds
Lisbon	228.37-230.11	229.22-229.69	258-278ds	611-652ds
Madrid	176.92-178.81	178.38-178.81	135-148ds	370-400ds
Milan	2364.40-2393.10	2381.50-2387.80	10-13ds	31-34ds
Montreal	1.9579-1.9727	1.9608-1.9629	0.21-0.11pr	0.34-0.18pr
New York	1.5520-1.5600	1.5525-1.5535	0.37-0.36pr	1.04-1.02pr
Oslo	10.4370-10.5300	10.4630-10.4870	2-3⅜ds	6⅛-7⅜ds
Paris	8.2940-8.3790	8.3300-8.3440	2⅛-2⅝ds	5⅞-6⅜ds
Stockholm	11.4190-11.5520	11.4920-11.5160	2⅞-4⅛ds	9½-11⅛ds
Tokyo	176.09-177.39	176.72-176.92	⅛-⅜pr	1⅛-1⅛pr
Vienna	17.27-17.42	17.37-17.42	2⅛-3⅜ds	6⅞-8⅞ds
Zurich	2.2512-2.2650	2.2591-2.2623	⅛pr-par	⅛-⅜pr

Source: Extel Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5369-1.5396
Australia dollar	2.1555-2.1584
Bahrain dinar	0.579-0.591
Brazil cruzeiro *	43285.5-43313.7
Cyprus pound	0.728-0.738
Finland marka	8.5645-8.6805
Greece drachma	333.25-340.25
Hong Kong dollar	12.0325-12.0419
India rupee	48.34-49.30
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4625-0.4725
Malaysia ringgit	4.0165-4.0207
Mexico peso	4.73-4.83
New Zealand dollar	2.8691-2.8763
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.757-5.883
Singapore dollar	2.5285-2.5318
S Africa rand (fin)	7.4755-7.5933
S Africa rand (com)	4.9137-4.9193
U A E dirham	5.638-5.762

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.3848-1.3858
Austria	11.13-11.15
Belgium (Com)	32.56-32.60
Canada	1.2631-1.2636
Denmark	6.085-6.095
France	5.366-5.371
Germany	1.5865-1.5875
Hong Kong	*7.7305-7.7315*
Ireland	1.540-1.542
Italy	1530.0-1533.0
Japan	113.65-113.70
Malaysia	2.5805-2.5815
Netherlands	1.7825-1.7835
Norway	6.74-6.75
Portugal	147.1-147.3
Singapore	1.6245-1.6255
Spain	114.4-114.6
Sweden	7.395-7.405
Switzerland	1.4517-1.4527

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6 Finance Hse 6½
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 5¾ Low 4¼ Week fixed: 5¾
Treasury Bills (Dis): *Buy: 2 mth 5⅛ ; 3 mth 5⅞. Sell: 2 mth 5⅞ ; 3 mth: 5⅛.*

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5⅝	5⅞-5½	
Sterling Money Rates:	5⅞-5⅞	5⅞-5⅞	5⅞-5⅝	5⅞-5⅝	5⅞-5⅝
Interbank	5⅞-5⅞	5⅞-5⅞	5⅞-5⅝	5⅞-5⅝	5⅞-5⅝

Overnight: open 6 , close 5 .

Local Authority Deps:	5⅞	n/a	5⅞	5⅞	5⅞
Sterling CDs:	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5⅝	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5¾
Dollar CDs:	3.06-3.03	n/a	3.08-3.05	3.15-3.12	3.32-3.29
Building Society CDs:	5⅞-5⅞	5⅞-5⅞	5⅞-5⅞	5⅞-5⅞	5⅞-5⅞

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: *Mar 31, 1993* Agreed rates Apr 26, 1993 to May 25, 1993 Scheme I: 7.36 %. Schemes II & III: 7.25 %. Reference rate Feb 27, 1993 to Mar 31, 1993 Scheme IV & V: 6.028 %.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar	3⅛-2⅞	3⅛-2⅞	3⅛-3	3⅛-3⅛	3⅛-2⅞
Deutschemark	8⅛-8⅛	8⅛-8⅛	7⅞-7⅞	7⅞-7⅞	8⅛-7⅞
French Franc	9⅞-9⅞	9⅞-8⅞	8⅞-8⅞	8⅞-8⅞	10⅞-9⅞
Swiss Franc	5⅞-5	5⅞-5⅞	5-4⅞	4⅞-4⅞	5⅞-4⅞
Yen	3⅛-3	3⅛-3⅛	3⅛-3⅛	3⅛-3⅛	3⅛-2⅞

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $337.30-337.60 Close: $339.00-339.40 High: $339.30-339.80
Low: $336.00-336.50 Krugerrand: $338.00-340.00 (£217.50-219.50)
Sovereigns: Old $80.00-83.00 (£50.00-52.00) New $80.00-83.00 (£50.00-52.00)
Platinum: $363.00 (£233.30) Silver: $3.96 (£2.555) Palladium: $111.75 (£71.80)

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Puts Apr	Puts Jul	Puts Oct
Alld Lyon	550	14	34	46	1½	28	35
(*561)	600	1	14	25	40	61	67
ASDA	67	2	8	11	1½	6	8½
*(*68½)*	*76*	*1*	*5*	*7½*	*9*	*12*	*15*
Bass	550	16	40	54	1	22	29
(*564)	600	1	17	30	37	51	57
Boots	460	20	40	52	1	16	21
(*476½)	500	1	19	31	25	35	39
Br Airways	250	6	24	33	1½	15	19
(*285)	300	1	14	24	16	26	30
BP	280	22	32	37	½	7½	12
(*300)	300	3	19	26	1	15	20
	330	1	8	13½	28	36	38
Br Steel	80	6	10	14	1	6½	8½
*(*95½)*	*90*	*1*	*6*	*9*	*6*	*11½*	*14*
C & W	700	52	76	88	1	16	25
(*749½)	750	4	43	56	2	37	48
CU	580	50	67	73	1	11	18
*(*619½)*	*629*	*2*	*33*	*44*	*6*	*30*	*40*
Courtauld	550	12	35	49	1	27	34
(*558½)	600	1	14	27	45	59	65
GKN	420	32	48	53	1	10	19
(*448½)	460	2	24	31	15	28	39
Grnd Met	420	16	34	41	1	18	26
(*432½)	460	1	15	24	29	41	46
ICI	1100	66	105	118	1	26	48
(*1163½)	1150	17	74	89	2	45	69
	1200	1	50	66	40	70	98
Kingfishr	584	3	31	43	5	31	42
*(*595)*	*632*	*1*	*14*	*24*	*48*	*63*	*70*
Ladbroke	160	15	25	31	½	9	15
(*172½)	180	1	15	20	9	19	25
Land Sec	500	37	46	50	1	12	18
(*536)	550	2	12	21	15	42	45
M & S	330	19	29	36	1	11	14
(*347)	360	1	13	22	13	26	30
Sainsbury	*460*	*22*	*40*	*50*	*2*	*20*	*25*
(*475)	500	1½	18	30	25	42	47
Shell	550	34	48	53	1	8	15
(*581½)	600	1	20	28	21	30	40
Smkl Bch	390	20	41	50	1	18	26
(*407)	420	1	26	36	14	34	42
Storehse	180	16	27	31	1	9	13
*(*194½)*	*200*	*1*	*14*	*22*	*6*	*18*	*22*
Trafalgar	74	5½	10½	15	1	5½	7½
(*79½)	83	1	7	10½	5	10	14
Unilever	1100	35	75	97	1	24	35
(*1126½)	1150	1	45	67	25	48	59
Utd Bisc	360	20	35	43	1	10	18
(*377)	390	1	17½	28	14	25	34

Series		Calls May	Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Puts May	Puts Aug	Puts Nov
BAA	750	53	66	80	6	21	29
(*789½)	800	20	36	52	25	43	52
BAT Ind	900	33	63	77	24	42	62
*(*902½)*	*950*	*14*	*39*	*54*	*55*	*69*	*90*
BTR	600	20	36	47	12	20	31
(*604)	650	3½	14	24	45	50	59
Br Aero	260	29	46	56	9	21	30
*(*277½)*	*280*	*19*	*34*	*48*	*18*	*31*	*40*
Br Telcm	420	18	29	35	7	18	23
(*426½)	460	4	10½	18	32	43	46
Cadbury	460	32	45	54	6	14	21
(*480)	500	8	23	33	25	32	40
Guinness	460	30	42	53	8½	18	27
(*485½)	500	8	23	33	32	40	47
GEC	300	26	33	36	2½	8	11
(*325)	330	7	14	20	12	22	26
Hanson	220	13½	18	22	3½	8	12½
(*229½)	240	3½	8	13	14	19	23½
LASMO	*140*	*18*	*25*	*31*	*4*	*9*	*12*
(*151½)	160	7½	14	20	14	19	23
Lucas	120	11	17	20	5½	9	14½
(*127)	130	6	12	15	11	15	21
P & O	550	27	46	57	15	28	45
(*560½)	600	7	24	35	47	57	75
Pilkingtn	110	9½	14	19	4	9	12
(*115)	120	5	9½	14	9	14	17
Prudential	330	19	29	37	6½	14	21
(*337½)	360	5½	15	23	23	30	36
RTZ	650	33	54	69	13	25	37
*(*665½)*	*700*	*10*	*29*	*43*	*44*	*55*	*65*
Scot New	460	15	26	33	13	27	36
(*461½)	500	3	12	19	40	55	60
Tesco	220	12	22	29	6½	12	17
(*229)	240	4	12	18	19	23	28
Thames W	550	13	20	30	17	35	42
(*540½)	600	2	6½	12½	59	74	78
Vodafone	*360*	*34*	*44*	*55*	*4½*	*14*	*21*
(*383½)	390	15	27	39	16	28	35

Series		Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Puts Jun	Puts Sep	Puts Dec
Abby Nat	360	32	42	50	7	15	20
(*378½)	390	16	25	34	21	29	34
Amstrad	30	7	8	9½	2	3	3
*(*35)*	*35*	*4*	*6*	*7*	*3½*	*5*	*6*
Barclays	390	38	48	56	10	20	26
(*411)	420	19	31	40	23	35	42
Blue Circ	220	21	29	33	11	17	21
(*238)	240	10½	19	25	24	29	36
Br Gas	280	32	33	37	4½	7	12
(*309)	300	15	22	26	10½	15	22
	330	3½	9	13	32	34	40
Dixons	200	14	20	27	15	22	26
(*198½)	220	7	13	19	29	36	40
Eurotnnl	460	47	67	84	26	43	55
*(*475)*	*500*	*27*	*50*	*67*	*50*	*65*	*77*
Forte	180	13	19	23	13	17	21
(*181½)	200	5½	11	15	29	30	34
Glaxo	550	40	61	68	30	45	59
*(*553½)*	*600*	*20*	*38*	*49*	*61*	*74*	*90*
	650	9	24	33	103	112	128
HSBC	600	55	77	95	16	31	42
(*631)	650	29	52	65	41	55	65
Hillsdwn	140	13	18	21	8½	13	16
(*151½)	160	4½	10	13	22	25	28
Lonrho	80	10½	13½	16	5	9	10
(*83)	90	5	9	12	11	14	16
Reuter	1300	80	114	148	39	68	84
(*1316)	1350	52	89	122	64	94	113
R-Royce	120	12	17	20	7	10½	15
*(*125½)*	*130*	*7½*	*13*	*16*	*12*	*15½*	*20*
Sears	100	6½	11	14	6½	8½	11½
(*101)	110	3	7	10	13	15	17
Thrn Emi	850	54	68	80	17	40	48
(*875)	900	26	40	54	43	67	77
TSB	160	24	29	32	4	9	9
(*177)	180	12	17	22	12	18	21
Vaal Reefs	*50*	*2*	*4*	*5½*	*7½*	*10*	*12*
(*$46)	60	1	2	3	16	18	19
Wellcome	650	95	115	128	14	30	43
(*716)	700	53	78	90	33	50	66

Series		Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Puts Apr	Puts Jul	Puts Oct
Fisons	160	11	21	30	1½	14	20
*(*168)*	180	1½	14	21	13	27	32

Series		Calls May	Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Puts May	Puts Aug	Puts Nov
Eastn Elc	460	36	47	53	4½	17	24
(*483½)	500	11	23	31	21	38	45

Series		Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Puts Jun	Puts Sep	Puts Dec
Natl Pwr	330	23	33	42	8½	15	19
(*340½)	360	8½	18½	27	25	31	34
Scot Pwr	310	25	28	33	5	11½	13½
(*326)	330	11	16½	22	12	21	24

*FT-SE INDEX (*2840½)*

	2750	2800	2850	2900	2950	3000
Calls						
Apr	96	45	12	2½	1½	1½
May	120	80	50	28	14	7½
Jun	137	102	74	52	32	20
Jul	*155*	*122*	*92*	*70*	*52*	*37*
Dec	-	206	-	151	-	103
Puts						
Apr	1½	3½	18	63	114	163
May	20	32	51	82	123	164
Jun	34	51	70	96	133	172
Jul	47	65	83	114	145	184
Dec	-	116	-	166	-	220

April 14, 1993 Tot: 37899 Call: 22409 Put: 15490 FT-SE Call: 2775 Put: 4076
*Underlying security price.

COMMODITIES

GNI REPORT: New crop wheat and barley continue to ease on expectations of intervention price cuts on April 21st and May 1st. The strength of the pound against the deutschmark has made the price cuts almost inevitable and consequently farmer selling has increased. Old crop is largely lacking in direction, buffeted around by conflicting views of whether or not there will be a deficit at the end of the season.

LONDON FOX

COCOA

May	694-693	Jul	785-783
Jul	*707-706*	*Sep*	*798-794*
Sep	721-720	Dec	823-815
Dec	738-737	Mar	850-830
Mar	758-756		
May	772-770		Volume: 3615

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

May	901-900	Jan	880-872
Jul	*874-872*	*Mar*	*888-884*
Sep	868-867	May	904-894
Nov	872-871		Volume: 4049

RAW SUGAR (FOB)

C Czarnikow		Dec	unq
Spot: unq		Mar	...
May	...	May	...
Aug	...	Aug	...
Oct	...		Volume: 0

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Dec	272.4-70.0
Spot: 286.0		Mar	272.9-70.5
May	287.5-86.0	May	275.0-70.5
Aug	287.5-86.5	Aug	279.5-74.0
Oct	272.0-71.0		Volume: 1323

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on April 14

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB	92.68	144.01	136.78
(+/-)	-0.22	-10.57	+1.36
Eng/Wales	92.68	145.20	136.66
(+/-)	-0.22	-9.52	+1.21
(%)	-0.9	-51.8	+0.3
Scotland	n/a	127.88	137.44
(+/-)	n/a	-6.49	-2.22
(%)	n/a	-39.3	n/a

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (/kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
May	112.5	112.5	Jul	unq	unq
Jun	109.0	109.0			Volume: 26

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)

May	144.40
Jun	145.00
Sep	107.75
Nov	109.95
Jan	112.95
	Volume: 266

BARLEY (close £/t)

May	139.90
Sep	*106.00*
Nov	108.75
Jan	111.65
Mar	113.15
	Volume: 71

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)

Apr	138.50
Jun	139.50
Aug	143.00
Oct	unq
Dec	unq
	Volume: 0

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
May	40.0	40.8
Apr	93.5	93.1
May	unq	98.0
		Volume: 29

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Cif (p/kt)
May 59.50-60.00

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): Crude oil prices *softened following the US stock figures which* showed an increase.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	18.70	-0.10
Brent 15 day (May)	18.90	-0.10
Brent 15 day (Jun)	19.00	-0.10
W Texas Intermediate (May)	*20.40*	*-0.10*
W Texas Intermediate (Jun)	20.60	-0.10

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW *Europe (prompt delivery)*

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	207 (n/c)	209 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	180 (+2)	182 (+3)
Non EEC 1H May	178 (+1)	179 (+1)
Non EEC 1H Jun	176 (-1)	177 (-1)
3.5 Fuel Oil	75 (-1)	77 (n/c)
Naphtha	176 (n/c)	178 (n/c)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd
GAS OIL

May	176.00-76.25	Aug	176.25-77.00
Jun	174.00-74.25	Sep	178.25-78.75
Jul	174.75-75.00	Oct	181.25-81.50
			Vol: 12326

BRENT (6.00pm)

May	*18.88-18.90*	*Aug*	*19.01-19.05*
Jun	18.99-19.01	Sep	unq
Jul	18.96 BID		Vol: 40758

UNLEADED GASOLINE

May	203.00-04.50	Aug	unq
Jun	203.50-07.00	Sep	unq
Jul	203.50-10.00		Vol: 185

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

Apr 93	High: 1476	Low: 1462	Close: 1475
May 93	1445	1435	1442
Jun 93	—	—	1382
Jul 93	1267	1265	1267

Vol: 242 lots. Open int'st: 3035 Index 1473 -2

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE (Official) (Volume prev day) Rudolf Wolff

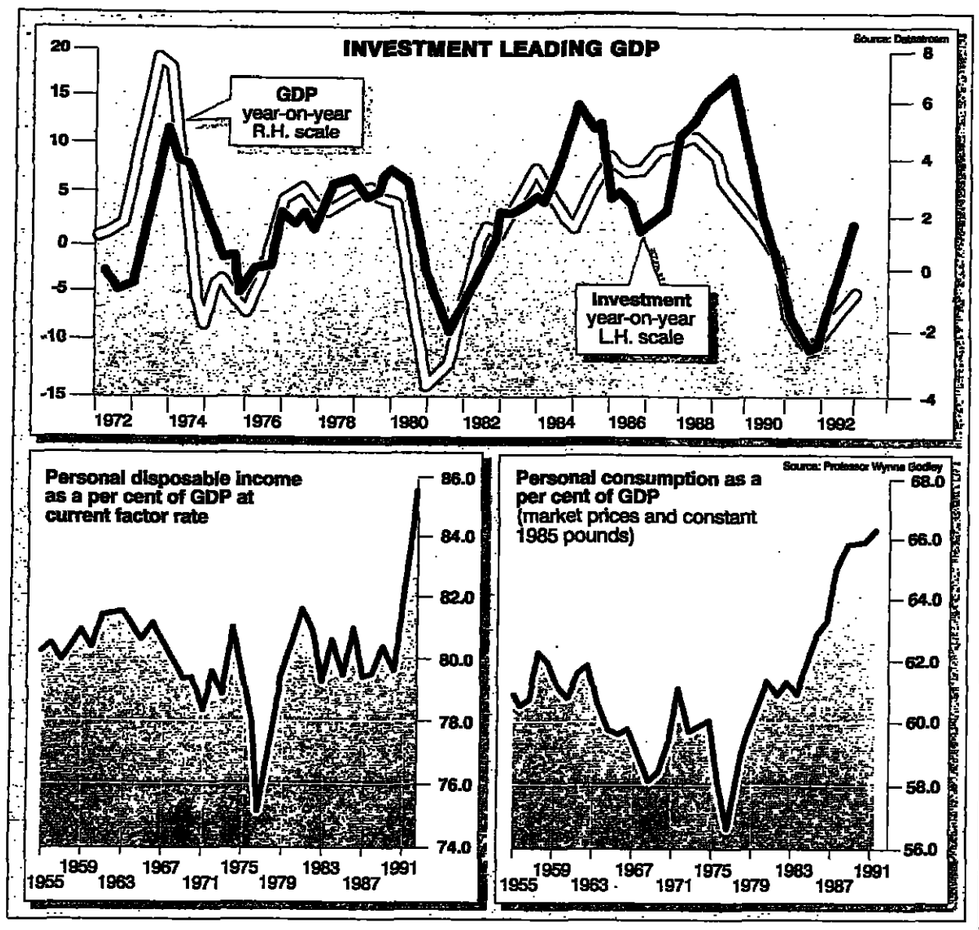
	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A (£/tonne)	1272.5-1273.0	1297.5-1298.0	995225
Lead (£/tonne)	273.50-273.75	282.50-283.00	64500
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1039.5-1040.5	1058.0-1058.5	537275
Tin ($/tonne)	5615.0-5620.0	5675.0-5676.0	4880
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1125.5-1126.0	1148.5-1149.0	825850
Nickel ($/tonne)	5955.0-5960.0	6027.0-6028.0	25668

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ECONOMIC VIEW

More than a hair shirt called for to save British industry

Budget theatricals by the Chancellor will not generate the surge in investment that manufacturing needs, argues Janet Bush



"You can't bring corpses back to life, however much you spend on medicine" — Andrew Cook, chairman, William Cook Plc.

Coming up against that summary of the situation in British manufacturing is somewhat unnerving when you are trying to establish whether the country is headed for a recovery led by exports and investment, as so many, not least the government, fervently hope.

Exports are possibly going to be a key ingredient in a gradual upturn in economic activity this year. Andrew Cook, as chairman and chief executive of a Sheffield-based steel castings company, has battled through the recession largely because he has been able to raise exports as a proportion of his business to 40 per cent.

But the all-important investment side of the equation is more doubtful. Mr Cook is not in the business of talking down his own customers, who represent practically every sector of engineering, but he is unequivocal on whether Britain will break the habit of a lifetime and invest its way into recovery and sustainable growth. "A lot of those companies which would normally be investing now, in anticipation of better times ahead, have long ceased to exist," he says. "It's too late. There's been too much damage."

Some argue that engineering is not the be-all and end-all. Other, perhaps more high-tech, areas of industry — and, of course, the service sector — have survived and are well placed to invest.

There are various reasons to think that the chances are good, not least because corporate profits are a third higher than they were at the same stage of the cycle in the early 1980s. National Account profits grew by an annualised 10 per cent in the third quarter of last year and, according to the CBI, capital expenditure in manufacturing increased during 1992. The CBI predicts investment growth of 4.4 per cent this year, falling back to 1.5 per cent in 1994 as the inducement of additional capital allowances — introduced in the Autumn Statement and which expire in October — fades.

Some even suggest that, unprecedentedly, investment may be leading the rest of the economy out of recession. David Owen, an economist at Kleinwort Benson, believes Britain may be experiencing something like the phenomenon seen in the US, where the strongest-growing component of investment is information technology. Last year, IT investment grew by 40 per cent in the US. In Britain, according to yesterday's industrial production figures, computer output has been growing spectacularly. Information technology, however, replaces labour. In DTI-speak, this is efficiency-enhancing, rather than capacity-creating investment. If Britain is to grow at a rate high enough to bring unemployment down, it needs a lot of investment of both kinds, and that does not appear to be happening.

William Cook, like many British companies, has continued to invest through the recession, but it has not been the kind of investment that expands capacity. "I'm investing to become more efficient," Mr Cook says. "Every time I invest, I get rid of people." He speaks for many others. Current levels of investment will no doubt help to secure some kind of economic recovery this year but are by no means sufficient to create the long-term rebalancing of the economy that is increasingly seen to be necessary.

Last month's Budget suggests that the government has realised that exports and investment, rather than consumption, are the key to sustainable, long-term growth. But although the prime minister has travelled some distance along the road to Damascus, he clearly has not yet experienced a vision. That, as so often for Conservative governments of recent times, comes in the form of Cambridge's Professor Wynne Godley. Writing in the *London Review of Books*, Professor Godley puts numbers on what is generally accepted to have been an imbalance in the 1980s between consumer spending and the overall economy. He points out that personal disposable income jumped to 85 per cent of GDP in 1992 — a record, and about five percentage points higher than normal. The share of consumption in GDP is up to 66.5 per cent, about 6.5 percentage points higher than normal.

Unless these relationships return to normal, Professor Godley argues, there will not "be enough productive capacity to supply the resources needed for investment, the balance of payments and necessary public expenditure, on top of what consumers will be demanding". The solution — apart from, and probably in addition to, further devaluation of the pound and a long period of low interest rates — is to raise taxes by £30 billion to £40 billion. That is some three times the increase the Chancellor announced in the Budget.

Despite the spectacle of Norman Lamont in a hair shirt last month, more is required than mild back-itch. Years of political self-flagellation are needed. The Budget contained a somewhat feeble attempt to provide extra help for industry. But taxes on the consumer that were announced were largely inspired by the need to reassure financial markets that the government was tackling Britain's huge, structural public deficit, rather than undo harmful imbalances between consumption and production.

With such a great task ahead — one only dimly perceived by the government — the current, modestly positive investment indicators are fairly alarming. French corporate clients of one Anglo-French stockbroking firm report that they are deeply worried about imports from Italy, which have jumped by 25 per cent since the lira's devaluation. However, despite sterling's 15 per cent decline, they are relaxed about British rivals — who, they say, are "doing nothing much". Lack of the right kind of investment over decades is probably a key factor.

The problem has, at last, started to be recognised. It is all the more disappointing, with the ideological battle lines more blurred now than for 13 years, that organisations such as the CBI were so swift to dismiss last week's Labour Party paper on industrial regeneration as "old interventionism".

The paper suggested various ways in which funds could be channelled into the productive part of the economy more efficiently and more generously. Labour has asked for a constructive dialogue. With the party's long-held arguments on the need for investment and the importance of manufacturing all but won, aren't its specific proposals worth at least a look?

TEMPUS

Fayed sale cheers banks

THE City may carp at the £70 million loss the Fayed brothers have made on the sale of their Sears stake, but they probably feel relieved to have recovered so much of their ill-timed £226 million investment, particularly as it seems they did not have much flexibility over the timing of the sale. This is the first time in more than two years that the market could have withstood such a large placing in the retail sector. Even if Goldman Sachs had performed a miracle and convinced institutions to take the paper a year ago, the Fayeds' loss would have been almost double.

Sears' shares have risen by 13 per cent since the start of the year, as investors have begun to appreciate the changes that Liam Strong is making in the group. These are likely to be highlighted in its results later this month, to distract attention from the likely 35 per cent cut in the final dividend. A positive statement, particularly on the future of British Shoe Corporation, will remove any lingering doubts about the group's future viability.

Mr Strong, meanwhile, has just removed one of the remaining negative influences on the share price with the disposal of Galliford, the housebuilder. The Fayed stake was itself another negative factor. Even though the shares are trading at around 17 times current-year earnings, they are likely to continue doing well after recent developments. Little wonder that Goldman Sachs's placing was oversubscribed. The Fayeds, meanwhile, might have preferred to retain the holding for longer, but any commercial logic in the investment vanished long ago. The £156 million proceeds will be warmly welcomed by their bankers.

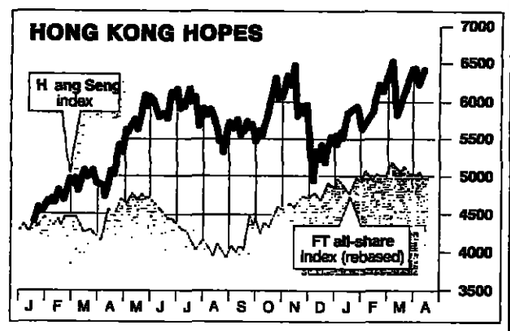
Hong Kong

THE 8 per cent leap in the Hang Seng index in the past two days emphatically confirms the Hong Kong stock market's reputation for volatility. News that Chris Patten and the Chinese authorities are back on speaking terms is certainly hopeful, but there is still a gulf between the two sides over reforms in the territory before 1997.

Until this week, the worries over Hong Kong's political future have turned investors' attention from the many positive influences on the market. The results season has been better than expected while corporate earnings are expected to grow by at least 15 per cent, outstripping Hong Kong's double-digit inflation, regardless of fears about a slowdown in the Chinese economy. The Hang Seng index should also rise in sympathy with rising share prices in Tokyo.

While the index has hit another record, the market is only rated at 12 times this years' earnings, so there is scope for further gains. There is little to prevent the index breaching 7,000 before too long, and the market could even touch 7,500 before the end of the year. The effects will be felt in London since HSBC Holdings now forms such an important constituent of the FT-SE 100 index.

In such a sentiment-dominated market, any bull market is likely to be bumpy. If the talks drag on or collapse, share prices will dive as quickly as they have risen, regardless of economic fundamentals.



Interest rates

SO much economic sunshine is suddenly glinting, anywhere from Tokyo to the Central Statistical Office, that the light is blinding. No longer will markets that have assumed recovery have to look over their shoulder to make sure it will actually start. The first two months' output look conclusive, whatever setbacks are to come, and stocks are rising. Quite right too, but few yet suggest the economy will outpace the modest Budget forecasts this year.

Sterling, likewise, is basking in the belief that Britain has far less need than France or Germany to cut interest rates further. True again, within limits observable for the Treasury's latest monthly monetary report. This lists a bouquet of bullish factors but also notes that M4, the wider measure, has only just crept within the lower boundary of its range.

Base rates of 6 per cent need not be the low point of the cycle, however much government debt needs to be sold. For once, the Treasury can choose whether to pad judiciously behind the Bundesbank or bump in another cut to overcome some minor external shock, such as a real jump in sterling, or to shore up confidence whenever recovery appears to falter.

Tie Rack

TIE Rack's rejuvenation proves the recession has not killed off theme retailing. It does not dispel the view that America is a graveyard for European retailers.

Tie Rack's management is keen to show it has learnt the lessons of the disastrous expansion of the late 1980s. The company has proved that its problems stemmed not from the product range but management errors that have been largely corrected. Costs are now under control and franchisees are no longer allowed to gear up at the company's expense.

With net cash Tie Rack is in a favourable position to expand once more. Growth is likely to come from improved sales and an increase in the number of stores, with airports the favoured location. The property downturn should keep rental costs down and the introduction of Epos enable the company to control its stocks. Earnings are forecast to rise by 25 per cent this year, making the shares look cheap on a 12 per cent discount to the sector.

Owners Abroad

THE result of Thomas Cook's tender offer for Owners Abroad is a fitting conclusion to a deeply negative bid. The fact that 76 per cent of Owners' shares were pledged in an offer for a 12.5 per cent stake demonstrates how reluctant institutions are to hold the company's equity, regardless of the long-term benefits that the link with Thomas Cook may bring. This is hardly surprising, given that Owners shares are now 27 per cent below the 150p tender price. The popularity of the tender also suggests that Airtours' bid would have succeeded if institutions had not doubted the quality of its paper. Investors who accepted Cook's tender must now be satisfied with cash for only 16 per cent of their shareholding — and a continuing interest in the travel industry they did not want.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Harrods battle still in store

BANKERS to the Fayed brothers, who own Harrods, are doubtless relieved to learn of the successful disposal of the family's 10.6 per cent stake in Sears, but the lawyers of the Alexandrian clan are busy limbering up for the next round of a legal battle with Lonrho. Even the arrival of Dieter Bock, the discreet and thrifty German, as joint chief executive at Lonrho alongside Tiny Rowland, appears not to have slowed the pace of legal activity in the Fayed-Lonrho feud. Next month, the Fayeds are expected to be called to a closed hearing in chambers in the technical build-up to Lonrho's massive claim against them, likely to reach court later this year. Lonrho is still seeking satisfaction over the way the Fayeds gained control of Harrods. There is also a Lonrho suit pending against Lord Tebbit, then trade secretary, for not referring the Harrods affair to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. With scant hope of an eastern potentate coming to the Fayeds' aid, a Byzantine move would be to offer the acquisitive Herr Bock a slice of Harrods.

Daimler dream

DAIMLER-Benz, Germany's industrial flagship, cast an envious eye over Jaguar a year before Ford snapped it up. But it was not Jaguar's racy image that interested the earnest Mercedes-makers from Stuttgart, but rather the Daimler marque owned by the loss-making company. British-built Daimler limousines, which, despite the name, have nothing to do with the current German group, still account for about a third of Jaguar's sales. The top-of-the-range, Double Six is a snip for overseas buyers at £51,000, especially after the pound's devaluation. Daimler motors came to England from Germany a century ago this year, originally to power boats, not cars. Taking back the Daimler brand to the fatherland in 1993 would boost morale at Daimler-Benz at a time of tumbling sales and earnings.

Cover-up

BOB Hooper's signature appears cryptographic to the point of illegibility. Some graphologists might interpret this as a sign of inability or unwillingness to communicate, but as Hooper recently took over as head of corporate communications at the Inland Revenue, he must be an exception to the rule. At least Hooper, late of the Central Office of Information, has made it clear that he has a level of commitment to cost-cutting that his Somerset House masters appreciate. His introductory letter to journalists is typed on notepaper with the printed name of Sarah Cullum, his predecessor, neatly covered over.

WHAT can the Cheshire Building Society be thinking? One of its thoughts for this week, in its 1993 calendar, is: "Smart people don't break the law, they just bend it a little." Later in the year, it says: "Justice is such a fine thing that one cannot buy it too dearly." I did not know Cheshire was twinned with Miami.

In the red

JUST as President Clinton is injecting new life into subsidised American food sales to hungry Russia, Cie Interagra, the French company created by the late "red millionaire", Jean-Baptiste Doumeng, has been forced to seek court protection from its creditors. Cold War meant hot trading for Doumeng, whose speciality was selling European Community meat and butter mountains at rock bottom prices to Moscow. Since his death in 1987, Doumeng's two sons have seen business go downhill, speeded by the fall of the Berlin Wall. Cie Interagra, which started up shortly after the death of Stalin, was unable to agree terms with its banks over Fr500 million owed to them. Or could it be that the electoral collapse of the French socialists was the last straw?

COLIN NARBROUGH



"Big recovery in recovery statistics"

BUSINESS LETTERS

Creating a two-tier property market

From Mr Andrew D. Glynn

Sir, As mentioned in your columns (*Tempus*, April 13), the government intends to implement the Law Commission's 1988 recommendations for reform of the law relating to Privity of Contract, though with one important exception. The Law Commission intended that existing leases as well as new ones should be encompassed by their proposals. The government, under pressure from their institutional landlords, the banks and others within the property industry have agreed to omit this retrospective element. The case for change made out by the Law Commission is well argued and convincing. If, as appears to be the case, the government agrees, why make a distinction between new and existing leases? It will be many years before all existing leases come to an end and it is difficult to avoid the conclusion that, for at least an initial period, a two-tier market will exist. The investment market is likely to draw a distinction between buildings which benefit from "old" leases and those which are subject to leases granted after legislation comes into force.

Also, it has been widely predicted that landlords will approach a tenant's request to assign a lease very differently after the implementation of the Law Commission's proposals, but it now looks as though this will not be necessary where the lease pre-dates the legislation. All this is grist to the mill so far as the professions are concerned (including my own) but I doubt if this uncertainty and area of potential dispute is what the commercial property world really needs at present.

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Questions on outcome of rating revaluation

From Mr M. D. Doffman

Sir, Your article "Rates slide in City", (Friday, April 2) on the likely outcome of the proposed 1995 rating revaluation is somewhat misleading.

While it is true that rateable values based on rental values as at April 1, 1993 will move in the directions assessed by Messrs Gerald Eve, I cannot accept that liability for the Uniform Business Rate will necessarily alter in like fashion.

Faced with a massive PSBR, the Government will, on the introduction of the new list, almost certainly be obliged to increase the level of the Uniform Business Rate. This likely increase in the multiplier will render it imperative for late payers to ensure that the base figures (ateable alues) are correct.

We are told that new and expensive computer technology introduced in the Inland Revenue valuation offices will greatly assist to this end and that the horrendous backlog of appeals still outstanding three years after the introduction of the 1990 list will not be repeated.

I await, with little anticipation, a pleasant surprise.

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Economic expansion

From Mr T. C. de C. Prideaux

Sir, Anatole Kaletsky (April 1) encouraged us to consider the probability of some years of inflation as an insignificant factor in our lives — the result of the unwinding of the expansionist excesses of the eighties.

May I suggest that his case can be significantly bolstered by consideration of the remarkable shift occurring in the world economy. The 24-nation OECD has a population of 860 million. There are two countries making notable moves towards a market economy, each of which has a population greater than this total.

The National People's Congress of China has endorsed a new constitution which included the phrase "socialist market economy". This ratification in a country comprising nearly one quarter of the world's population will have influence beyond that on prices.

In India, with another 15 per cent of the world's population, the important liberalisation of controls on the agricultural sector, away from using the industry as a tool to moderate domestic prices towards being an earner of foreign exchange, can only support those sanguine as to the outlook for world inflation.

The normal progress of developing economies is for production to precede consumption. The thought of 40 per cent of the world's population, benefiting from the rapid transfer of technology, producing in advance of both domestic demand and aspirations, lends weight to your economics editor's sanguine outlook.

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Errors that lie behind damage of inflation

From Mr John P. Read

Sir, In his recent article, Mr Anatole Kaletsky claims (*The Times*, April 1) that inflation is conquered. This is open to dispute, if only because inflation is still 3 per cent per annum and capable of halving the value of money in 24 years.

However, why this concern with inflation? Consider, for example, a man who, overweight through eating too much, engages in a punishing schedule of exercise to keep his weight down and, having succeeded, announces he has conquered his weight problem. This claim, like Mr Kaletsky's, is partly true, but symptoms are never the real problem. The government, like the above-mentioned man, are bound by the underlying error. Just as the man can ameliorate or cover the consequences of over-eating by exercise, a government can ameliorate or cover the consequences of some of its actions.

From this viewpoint, what Mr Kaletsky hails as success others would call failure and the continuing damage of this failure is nothing less than tragic.

Yours faithfully,
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Beginning and end of Gregorian chant

From W. R. Greatrex

Sir, If Mr Rawson (April 5) was reading *The Times* eleven years ago, he might have unconsciously retained the correct answer on the end of the fiscal year in his mind and forgotten that it was provided by Dr Henry Durant in his letter to *The Times* of March 16, 1982, viz.

"Changing to the Gregorian calendar, in 1752, meant dropping 11 days, and as every schoolboy learns, there were riots and the days were demanded back. The government were not going to pay a full quarter's interest for a shortened period. Hence the extension. . .."

Dr Durant thought the years began on March 25/April 5, whereas these are the ending dates; otherwise all is in order.

Yours faithfully,
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27	Booker	Foods	
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Shares dip in mixed trading

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1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
403	345	Abbey Ntl	379	+1	11.5	3.8	14.6
255	179	Allied Irish	255	+5	...	4.4	—
176	130	Ans New Z	160	-3½	...	6.0	...
3806½	2831½	Bankamerica	3387½	+31½	...	...	...
249	188	Bk of Ireland	249	-3	...	4.8	39.9
325	325	Bk Leumi UK	325	...	17.0	5.2	...
140	116½	Bank Scotland	124	+1	4.3	4.4	19.5
464	362	Barclays	411	+1	15.1	4.6	—
3½	2	Benchmark	2½	...	...	...	...
52	31	Brown Shipley	35	...	...	...	...
19½	15½	Carlisle	17	...	...	...	...
485	395	Cater Allen	485	+5	26.0	6.7	...
115	85	Cannes	113†	...	...	4.6	—
2450	1787½	Chase Mann	2406½	+43½	...	...	...
2045½	1342½	Citicorp	1962½	+18½	...	...	...
345	250	Close Bros	337	-3	...	3.5	15.0
£125½	4275	Commerzbk	£121½	-12½	...	3.3	...
£304½	£250½	Deutsche Bk	£287	...	...	2.2	...
81	45	First Nat Fin	60	...	...	...	...
1227	876	Fuji Bank	1208	...	...	0.4	65.1
440	343	Gerrard Nat	440	+1	21.0	6.0	...
654	490	HSBC	631†	-8	19.0	3.8	—
634	474	HSBC HK	608½	+10	19.0	3.9	—
356	243	Hambros	332	+1	13.8	5.2	14.7
363	313	Joseph (L)	360	...	15.8	5.5	...
126	96	King Shaxson	125	...	5.0	5.0	...
395	312	Kleinwort Ben	380	...	16.0	5.3	13.2
573	442	Lloyds	541	-4	18.4	4.3	15.5
86	63	Lon Scot Bk	86	...	3.0	4.4	17.0
432	332	Nat Aust Bk	427½	+12½	...	5.1	13.9
485	398	Nat West	447	-7½	17.5	4.9	22.2
832	674	Provident	832	+4	28.5	4.3	14.4
57	39	Rea Bros	43†	...	0.5	1.5	45.7
274	207	Ryl Bk Scot	256	-2	8.8	4.3	...
1975	1335	Schroders	1785†	...	22.0	1.5	—
731	576	Stand Chart	708	-1	...	3.5	...
187½	145½	TSB	177	-2	6.4	4.5	...
119	79	Union Disc	105	+1	...	...	...
667	529	Warburg SG	667	+9	19.0	3.4	19.7
223	195	-do- 6% 'A'	223	+4	...	3.4	...
7625	4943	Wells Fargo	7437½	+50	...	1.4	...
150	121	Westpac	147	+4	...	5.5	...
215	188	Wintrust	205	...	9.3	5.7	7.9

BREWERIES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
648	550	Allied-Lyons	562	...	20.0	4.4	13.0
647	533	Bass	564	+1	18.9	4.2	12.3
256	189	Boddington	245	+1	7.3	3.7	14.3
415	262	Bulmer (HP)	406	...	9.0	2.8	18.7
159	129	Burtonwd Brw	140	+7	4.4	4.0	10.2
307	261	Devenish (JA)	306	+5	7.8	3.2	17.2
98	75	Eldridge P 'A'	90	...	...	4.5	23.8
69½	51½	Fosters Brewing	58	...	...	5.1	7.4
360	338	Fullr Sm 'A'	360	...	...	2.3	15.1
480	411	Grand Met	433	+5	12.3	3.6	14.3
423	366	Greenalls Grp	395	...	11.7	3.7	13.1
563	505	Greene King	555	-4	11.6	2.6	14.4
516	440	Guinness	456	+4	...	3.1	17.0
281	230	Hardy Hansn	238	...	7.9	4.1	13.2
113	108	Heavitree	108	...	3.0	3.5	35.9
78	79	-do- 'A' LV	78	...	3.0	4.9	18.7
289	253	Highland Distl	278	-3	6.0	2.7	18.4
3125	2536	Holt J	2990	-50	35.0	1.5	20.5
55	35	Hoskins Brew	53	...	...	...	38.2
272	250	Invrgordn Dist	261†	...	7.0	3.4	—
186	161	Macallan-Glen	161	-5	0.4	0.7	36.0
405	375	Macdn Martn 'A'	375	...	8.8	2.9	11.8
772	655	Mansfield	731	+2	13.6	2.3	15.7
256	231	Mrston Thmp	245	-3	4.9	2.5	14.4
435	412	Matthew Clark	422	...	15.7	4.7	12.7
300	258	Mrrydwn W	263	...	...	3.0	19.0
490	455	Morland	458	+3	8.4	2.3	18.3
12	6½	Paramount	10	...	...	2.1	17.7
950	768	SA Breweries	863	...	...	3.1	...
492	406	Scot & New	462	-2	16.1	4.4	12.6
196	161	Taunton Cider	190	...	...	3.1	17.7
247	213	Vaux Group	234	-1	9.3	5.0	16.1
266	225	Wetherspoon JD	258†	...	...	3.3	20.8
497	435	Whitbread 'A'	459	-5	16.9	4.6	12.9
1180	550	-do- 'B'	875	...	16.9	2.4	34.6
613	541	Wolvrhmptn D	565	-11	11.4	2.5	15.9
515	490	Young 'A'	490	...	14.5	3.8	21.0

BUILDING, ROADS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
115	73	Abbey	115	...	...	1.2	41.5
27	13	Albrighton	18	...	...	7.0	10.8
106	87	Allen	89	-2	3.0	4.6	—
94	65	Amec	83	...	...	...	...
9½	4	Anglia Sec	9½	...	4.7	2.9	21.9
188	159	Ashtead	177	...	5.0	5.7	16.0
142	110	Atwoods	112	-3	...	4.5	52.6
236	180	BPB Ind	207	+4	3.1	4.8	27.2
81	57	Baggeridge Brk	81	...	0.5	...	...
31	18	Bailey (Ben) Con	26	...	1.2	2.1	13.6
101	74	Barcom	75	...	2.0	1.9	14.6
136	94	Barratt Devs	131†	+2	11.5	3.7	22.9
393	305	Bellway	393	+1	...	...	...
32	15	Bellwinch	23	+4	...	1.9	27.0
391	209	Berkeley Gp	391	...	...	...	2.4
67	45	Bell Bros	58	...	1.0	3.0	—
46	36	Blockleys	42	+5½	11.2	5.9	23.8
240	160	Blue Circle	237½	...	...	2.4	15.1
280	230	Bout (Henry)	277	+1	4.6	6.3	—
106	78	Breedon PLC	94	...	5.2	6.8	—
105	62	Br Dredging	98	...	5.3	...	...
70	45	Brit Fittings	53	-1	4.8	4.7	27.4
130	96	Bryant	125	...	2.3	...	...
63	53	CALA	56†	...	...	3.0	16.5
266	206	CRH	259†	-1	...	...	...
42	22	Cakebread Rby	33	...	...	...	...
75	[illegible]	Costain	36	-1	...	...	...
130	90	Countryside	125	...	4.1	4.1	33.0
63	38	Crest Nicholson	59	...	0.0	...	...
96	28	Cussins	60	...	...	...	...
3	1½	Dunton	1½	...	...	...	...
25	16½	Edmond Hldgs	21†	...	0.5	3.0	...
195	178	Epwin	195	+2	6.8	4.5	—
47	33	Erith	46	+9	0.3	1.0	...
335	252	Ev Group	315	...	...	3.6	12.1
57	34	Evered Bardon	39	...	2.0	6.6	—
6½	4	Explaura	4½	...	...	...	...
124	97	Freeman Gp	121	...	4.5	...	15.7
50	34	Galliford	39	...	...	...	...
76	65	Gibbs & Dandy	68	...	12.7	2.1	12.2
753	695	Gleeson (MJ)	753	...	1.0	1.1	—
109½	90	Hewden-Stuart	109½	+4½	2.6	...	49.8
50	25	Hewetson	50	...	12.5	6.5	...
245	186	Heywd Wlm	240†	+3	2.5	4.5	—
74	51	Higgs & Hill	71	-2	2.5	...	10.7
35	27	How Gp	31	...	0.5	3.5	...
19	15	Howard Hldgs	19	...	6.0	...	...
61	36	Ibstock Johnsen	53	...	0.5	...	...
19	13½	Jarvis	17½	...	4.0	4.8	—
247	179	Laing (J)	233†	...	4.5	9.4	25.2
83	55	Lit Chateside	67	...	...	...	4.1
21	10½	Lovell (YJ)	20	...	9.0	3.6	17.9
305	240	Manders	263	...	4.2	4.2	—
130	96	Marley	126†	+1	...	9.9	21.1
76	61	Marshalls	63	-2	4.9	4.9	11.4
130	122	Maunders (J)	125†	...	0.5	5.0	28.2
104	96	McAlpine (A)	163	...	0.5	6.1	...
35	[illegible]	McCarthy & S	32½	...	...	...	...
335	284	Meyer Int	331	+1	16.5	6.2	34.1
4	4	Miskin Gp	4	...	...	...	...
93	62	Mowlem (J)	92	...	4.0	5.6	...
78	63	NSM	63	...	...	...	...
53	48	Needler	48	...	...	4.0	—
140	106	Newman Tnks	132	...	...	4.5	—
254	197	Persimmon	254	+4	8.6	4.2	25.9
26	22	Phoenix Timber	22	...	...	...	...
1625	1462½	Pochins	1462½	...	20.0	2.5	8.9
96	80	Prowting	91†	...	3.4	4.7	—
6½	4½	Quiligotti	4½	...	...	...	...
633	555	RMC Gp	608	+4	20.0	4.1	22.6
117	90	Raine Ind	91	...	6.0	8.2	15.2
36	20	Ransom	22	...	...	...	...
499	402	Redland	439	...	...	7.4	30.0
75	64	Rothel	72	...	4.3	7.8	—
254	207	Rugby Group	244†	+3	6.4	3.3	—
40	25	Svrfld-Rvs	38	...	...	...	...
104	68	Sharpe & Fisher	99	...	4.0	5.2	—
172	110	Sheffield Insl	158†	...	5.4	4.3	—
95	82	Sheriff Hldgs	95	+2	...	2.6	14.2
95	66	Shorco	77	-1½	...	8.8	—
228	205	Smart (J)	205	...	8.5	5.2	9.3
8½	4½	Starmin	5½	...	0.3	6.8	6.6
138	103	Tarmac	132	-5	5.5	5.2	54.6
194	137	Tay Homes	173†	...	5.8	4.2	11.1
99	63	Taylor Woodrw	99	+2	1.0	1.3	...
533	433	Tilbury Dougls	488	-1	33.0	8.9	—
24	19	Torex Hire	23	...	...	3.3	...
192	168	Travis Perkins	186	-2	8.0	5.4	26.3
34	30	Try Group	33	...	1.0	3.8	9.2
28	26	Tudor	26	...	...	...	...
67	41	Vibroplant	49	+1	3.6	9.2	9.0
41	20	Ward Hldgs	35	...	...	...	...
36	25	Waterhouse	31	...	...	...	...
475	360	Watts Blake	445	...	10.7	3.1	—
14	8	Westpla	14	+1	...	...	...
129	90	Westbury	129	+4	...	4.7	...
12	4½	West Scaffold	9	...	...	...	...
12	5	Wiggins	9½	...	...	...	...
425	371	Wilson Bowdn	406	+4	8.1	2.7	27.4
178	147	Wilson (C)	174	+4	3.9	2.9	—
157	107	Wimpey G	154†	+2	5.2	4.3	—
42	25	YRM	41	...	4.0	...	4.7

BUSINESS SERVICES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
675	463	ADT	573	-7	...	...	—
228	198	Adam & Harvey	213	...	11.0	6.5	3.3
88	56	Air London	80	...	...	5.5	9.8
50	37	African Lakes	47	...	2.0	5.6	...
175	125	Auto Sec	162	+6	5.3	4.2	...
108	84	BET Ord	89	+2	...	9.1	13.0
75	41	BNB Res	74†	...	4.9	8.3	—
318	258	BPP	281†	...	8.0	3.6	—
285	250	Barbour Index	250	...	7.2	3.6	18.6
20	15	Boustead	17	...	0.7	5.3	—
236	184	Brit Data Mgt	208	...	...	2.4	17.3
14	11	Broadcastle	14	...	...	...	—
65	55	Brooks Service	55	...	4.0	...	17.5
104	86	CBT Gp	90	...	2.4	3.3	10.3
162	139½	Capita Group	162†	+7½	...	1.6	—
40	31	Casket Plc	38	...	0.5	1.6	14.5
55	40	Chiltern Capital	51	...	...	...	...
35	26	Christie	35	+2	...	...	...
285	228	Chubb Sec	270	-1	...	1.3	29.8
33	18	Comact	31	...	...	...	...
18½	6½	Corp Services	14½	...	...	...	...
80	50	Dart	80	...	3.3	5.2	9.1
231	198	Davis Service	231	+1	...	4.3	—
104	85	EW Facs	97†	...	4.3	5.6	—
16½	11	Gardiner	15†	...	0.6	5.5	—
36	20	Gardner (DC)	36	...	...	...	—
246	226	Hays	229	-2	4.6	2.5	22.4
230	175	Hogg Robinsn	178	...	6.3	4.4	13.4
70	56	Holmes Protectn	56	...	...	...	3.3
162	127	Hutch Whamp	151	+6	...	3.1	—
£120½	9650	ISS B DKr	£117½	+25	...	0.9	16.6
637	532	Inchcape	605	+4	...	2.9	20.2
863	669	Johnson Clean	830†	...	25.7	3.9	—
12	2½	Lep	8½	...	...	...	...
244	173	Mhle Gp	215	+1	2.7	1.6	17.7
1187	893	Manpower	994	...	...	...	...
44½	41	Michael Page	42	...	1.8	5.5	—
279	217	Pennant	273	...	...	0.9	69.2
4½	2	Prime People	2½	...	...	...	...
120	85	Provident Alex	118	...	19.5	22.8	2.5
423	385	RCO	390	...	12.8	4.4	13.4
118	113	REA	113	...	4.0	4.4	...
69	43	Reed Executive	55	...	...	...	...
156	115	Reliance Secs	116	...	...	4.8	11.7
238	208	Rentokil	220†	-2	2.3	1.3	—
278	240	Rolfe & Nolan	277	...	6.2	2.8	18.6
399	343	Salvesen (C)	360	...	7.0	2.4	19.9
35	29	Senn Pickford	30	...	...	3.3	8.3
206	164	Securiguard	180	+4	9.4	6.5	9.5
6	5	Select Apps	6	...	...	...	...
953	695	Serco Gp	950	-5	14.0	1.8	—
352	252	Sherwd Cmpa	315	+1	...	2.8	—
130	96	Sketchley	96	-1	3.0	3.9	11.7
355	327	Warner Howrd	335†	...	...	2.3	18.9
45	28	Welpac	28	-1	0.6	2.7	...
29½	14	Wills Gp	24½	+½	...	0.5	33.8

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
248	226	Allied Colloids	231	+1	3.9	2.1	18.3
759	613	Amersham	701	+3	12.5	2.2	26.0
7	4½	Anglo Utd	4½	...	0.8	...	...
£101½	8325	BASF DM	9737½	...	...	7.1	...
269	231	BTP	245	-5	8.8	4.6	17.8
£119	£104½	Bayer DM50	£113	...	...	5.0	...
156	134	Blagden	146	...	9.5	8.0	—
165	137	Brent Chems	138†	...	7.4	6.7	—
530	428	Br Bio-Tech	460	-4	...	...	...
39	18	Caird Gp	26	...	1.3	6.4	—
153	127	Canning (W)	135	...	7.2	7.0	—
608	533½	Courtaulds	599	-5	13.0	2.9	15.2
276	228	Croda	275	+2	7.756	3.6	—
146	121	Doeflex	127†	...	4.6	4.5	—
198	175	Ellis & Everard	177	-3	7.0	5.0	16.1
28	15½	Euro Colour	24½	-½	0.6	3.3	...
291	259	Halstead (J)	285†	...	...	2.6	14.5
225	194	Hickson	218	...	8.0	4.7	—
£114½	9612½	Hoechst	£101	...	...	7.8	...
214	195	Holliday Chem	208	-1	...	...	15.2
1294	1048	ICI	1167	-24	55.0	5.9	29.0
689	581	Laporte	631†	-4	19.5	3.9	—
223	196	Leigh	196	...	7.3	5.0	16.0
19½	11	MTM	11	-½	1.8	...	2.2
1712½	1462½	Norsk Hydro	1587½	-12½	...	1.8	...
430	370	Paterson Zoch	419†	...	11.4	3.4	18.1
375	360	-do- 'A'	372†	...	11.4	3.8	16.1
296	254	Plysu	268	...	6.0	2.8	18.1
210	173	Porvair	209	...	3.6	2.2	22.2
13	7½	Sutcliffe Speak	10½	...	...	...	...
475	425	Wardle Storeys	446	...	16.0	4.5	17.7
490	395	Wlsnhlme R	455	...	17.0	4.8	—
391	368	Yorks Chem	380	-3	...	2.5	20.4
306	240	Yule Catto	293	-1	5.9	2.5	—

DRAPERY, STORES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
105	63	Alexon	85	-1	3.0	4.5	...
71	42	Amber Day	71	+1	3.1	5.5	19.5
319	257	Argos Plc	310†	-1	...	2.8	21.3
90	69	Ashley (Laura)	83	-1	0.1	0.2	...
305	283	Asprey	290	...	...	2.1	23.5
203	188	Austin Reed	188	...	6.0	...	54.7
153	125	Beattie (J) 'A'	141	...	5.7	5.1	13.5
121	97	Benalls	130	...	3.8	4.0	67.7
273	208	Beneware	245	+1	...	0.5	33.8
31	22	Blacks Leis	22	...	3.3	...	4.5
227	133	Body Shop	220	-3	1.6	0.9	25.4
15½	12	Brown & Jackson	14½	...	...	0.7	...
401	318	Brown (N)	365	...	6.0	2.1	22.6
84	64½	Burton	80	-1	...	...	...
145	126	Cantors	144	...	...	2.3	19.1
323	295	Church	323†	...	12.5	4.8	—
183	97	Clinton Cards	144	-8	4.2	1.8	—
245	212	Coats Viyella	240†	+3	...	3.8	26.3
106	78	Colourvision	88	...	...	...	14.9
469	374	Courts Furnish	466	...	5.0	1.3	23.5
155	115	Crown Eyes	135	...	...	5.6	6.3
106	89	Dairy Farm Intl	98†	-4	...	3.8	—
65	51½	Dewhirst (D)	63	...	1.0	2.0	—
281	198	Dixons Grp	199	-6	6.0	3.8	25.4
387	320	Dunhill	374	+9	7.7	2.6	13.0
21	12½	ERA Gp	15	...	...	...	...
530	400	Elys (Wimbldn)	400	...	16.0	5.0	8.9
115	71	Essex Furn	104†	...	...	3.3	17.6
226	203	Etam	207	...	6.6	4.0	18.5
562	499	Fine Art Dev	535	+1	11.0	2.5	21.3
50	26	Fired Earth Tiles	38	...	...	...	...
500	498	Forminster	498	...	12.5	3.1	10.4
51	24	French Conn	51	...	...	...	...
67	21	Gabbicci	43	+1	2.0	...	8.6
65	43	Gent SR	49†	...	2.0	5.1	14.4
41	23	Goldsmiths Gp	37	...	1.8	...	...
2650	2400	GUS	2645	...	40.0	1.9	21.1
1728	1563	-do- 'A'	1623	-13	40.0	3.1	12.9
40	34	Hampden Grp	37	-1	...	3.5	—
277	123	Harstone	130	-2	6.8	4.7	7.9
25½	20	Helene Plc	22	+1	2.0	12.2	—
42	39	Heritage	39	...	...	...	...
62	35	Honeysuckle	56	-4	...	2.2	7.9
189	128	Hse of Lerose	183†	...	10.3	7.0	—
66	63	Jacques Vert	63	...	2.0	...	...
595	496	Kingfisher	585	-5	...	3.0	16.5
74	62½	Leslie Wise Gp	70	...	4.0	7.1	14.4
685	495	Liberty	580	...	7.2	1.6	39.5
313	265	Lloyds Chem	286	-½	5.5	2.4	11.2
152	120	MFI	130	-1	...	3.6	17.3
365	311	Marks Spencer	347	-1	7.1	2.6	21.3
490	445	Menzies (John)	481	...	10.0	2.6	16.0
152	136	Moss Bros	151	...	5.0	4.1	29.1
174	139½	Next	165½	-2	2.5	1.9	—
23	15	Oliver (G)	22	...	...	...	...
250	200	Oriflame Intl	200	-9	...	6.0	13.0
63	45	Pentos	49	...	1.5	3.9	—
313	255	QS Hldgs	289	-4	5.1	2.3	—
19	11	Ratners Group	16½	-½	2.4	18.2	...
35	20½	Rhino Grp	29½	...	...	...	—
162	137	Sherwood Gp	154†	...	2.6	2.1	—
106	99	Sears	101	-4	...	4.3	22.7
498	400	Smith WH 'A'	414	-6	13.4	4.0	14.6
7½	4½	Specialeyes	7	...	...	...	...
219	176	Storehouse	195	-1	5.0	3.2	...
191	158	T & S Stores	162	-2	5.9	4.7	—
126	71	Tie Rack	126	+10	1.0	1.0	—
213	160	Time Products	209	+7	7.5	4.7	19.6
100	63	Usher (Frankl)	94	-2	...	6.6	7.4
45	27	Vival	36†	...	1.0	3.5	11.1
40	35	Wetsum	39	...	...	...	6.9
104	78	Wickes	90	...	...	...	42.6
60	45	Wld of Leather	55	-3	...	...	—
188	146	Wyevale	188	+2	...	2.7	—
7½	2½	Xtra-vision	2½	...	...	...	2.7

ELECTRICALS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
182	147	ACT Group	162	-2	4.5	3.5	15.9
238	223	Acal	238	...	...	3.1	19.9
162½	38	Acorn Comp	102	-3	...	...	51.7
480	385	Admiral	443†	+3	5.4	1.5	18.7
131	104	Alba	130	...	4.7	4.6	17.1
43	19½	Alphameric	30	...	...	...	...
38½	22	Amstrad	35	+1	0.4	...	...
128	101	App Holo	101	...	...	...	...
17	13	Arlen	13	...	...	...	...
53½	35½	Astec	52	+1	...	...	...
290	250	Beales Hunter	266	...	9.2	4.3	14.0
9	3½	Bennett & Fount	5	...	...	...	...
381	319	BICC	348	+3	19.2	7.2	22.7
575	455	Blick	479†	...	9.2	2.4	18.7
1690	1150	Borland	1300	-50	...	...	...
302	274	Bowthorpe	290†	+1	6.3	2.7	—
445½	376	BT	439½	-4½	14.4	4.2	15.0
9	5½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	7½	...	0.1	1.6	...
151	110	Burnfield	139	...	5.7	5.2	22.0
760	689	Cable Wireless	750	+3	13.2	2.2	23.2
14½	11½	Chloride	12½	...	...	...	...
251	229	CML Micro	250	...	...	2.4	16.5
98	74	Comptr People	95	...	0.6	0.9	...
151	108½	Cray Elect	132	...	...	0.5	10.8
326	243	Critchley	312	+3	...	2.4	22.1
467	414	Delta	467†	+1	14.0	3.7	—
298	205	Denmans Ele	280	-3	...	2.6	—
620	460	Domino	505	-5	7.2	1.8	17.2
65	48	Dowding Mills	54	...	2.5	5.9	17.5
995	865	Druck	995	...	...	1.2	24.2
411	358	Electrocompnts	394	+1	7.0	2.2	23.3
573	470	El Data Ptt	535	...	3.1	1.1	15.2
75	45	Electron House	70	...	2.3	4.2	21.3
20	10½	Eroess	19†	-½	0.1	0.7	...
563	442	Eurotherm	562	+4	8.0	1.8	25.6
128	108	FKI	121	+1	2.3	2.4	23.4
391	340	Farnell Elect	377	-1	5.8	1.9	20.5
37	33	Feedback	37	...	...	...	...
18	9½	Ferranti	15	...	...	...	...
150	101	First Tech	145	-1	...	...	...
203	81	Forward Gp	181	...	...	1.7	21.8
21	17	Forward Tech	17	...	...	...	...
325	264	GEC	325	+½	9.6	3.7	17.2
182	132	Graseby	170†	+5	10.9	8.0	—
39	39	Hitchem	39	...	...	1.6	12.7
466	451	Hoskyns Gp	465	...	2.4	0.6	59.9
120	63	INSTEM	100	...	...	3.9	—
378	320	Jones Stroud	378	...	8.0	2.6	16.5
9	8	Kentbrey	9	...	0.3	5.2	3.4
321	260	Kenwood App	307	-1	...	...	16.3
161	47	Kewill Syss	157	-4	...	...	7.9
203	100	Kode	174†	...	5.5	4.0	20.6
46	16	Laser-Scan	31	...	...	...	...
365	122	LDMS	280	...	...	...	...
300	240	Lec Refrig	268	...	9.0	4.3	...
179	145	Life Sciences	145	...	3.5	3.1	15.7
211	164	Logica	209†	+1	3.6	2.2	24.7
54	44	LPA Ind	45	...	...	9.6	12.7
212	187	MR Data Mngmt	187	...	4.3	2.9	17.8
673	523	Macro 4	673	...	...	2.4	22.6
630	527	Memvier-Swn	620	-5	...	1.8	20.3
3013	2083	Micro Focus	2140	+40	...	...	19.7
227	188	Microgen	197	...	7.2	4.6	13.4
34½	24	Microvitec	28½	...	...	...	...
514	357	Misys	492	-1	6.1	1.5	22.5
151	98	Mitel	136	-1	...	...	...
138	111	MMT Comp	112	...	...	3.9	14.2
27	19	Molynx	19	...	...	8.6	1.8
272	202	MTL Inst	215	...	...	2.1	16.2
165	135	Multitone Elect	136	...	3.0	2.8	16.7
149	116	Murray Enter	147	+2	1.8	1.6	68.3
6412½	5425	NYNEX	5787½	...	...	...	...
188	140	Neotronics	165	...	2.6	2.0	21.3
60	42	Newmark (L)	60	...	...	...	...
100	58	Norbain	94	-1	...	1.3	14.1
43	30	Northamber	39	+2	0.5	1.6	...
15½	9	Oceonics	11½	...	...	...	7.5
243	195	Oxford Inst	241	+2	4.3	2.2	16.2
72	48	P-E Internl	58	...	1.0	2.2	...
72	39	P & P	71	...	1.4	2.5	37.7
80	55	Peek	73	...	3.4	6.0	18.4
189	115	Pegasus	189	+4	...	4.2	48.0
9000	9000	Philips Fn 4%	9000	...	...	6.4	...
1050	725	-do- Lmp nv	937½	...	...	...	...
452	343	Pilco	439	...	7.7	2.2	37.2
432	303	-do- 'A' Voting	416	...	7.7	2.3	35.2
96	77	Plasmec	77	-1	...	6.3	—
104	76	Pressac	86†	...	2.4	3.5	17.4
125	103	Psion	113	...	...	2.8	—
11	6½	Ptarmigan	8½	...	...	...	...
211	160	Racal Elect	208	+1	1.5	0.9	24.6
46	45	Radamec	45	...	0.5	1.4	26.4
70	43	Radiius	55	...	...	6.1	19.0
92	61	Real Time	67	-1	...	5.6	6.1
29	18	Rivo	22	...	...	...	...
610	488	Sage Gp	567	...	9.0	2.0	18.2
66	49	Scantronic	65	...	2.9	5.7	20.5
142	117	Scholes Grp	118†	...	5.0	5.3	23.2
330	270	Sema Gp	290	...	2.8	1.2	23.4
39	26	Silvermines	35	...	...	8.3	...
45	37	Soundtracks	44	...	...	6.2	14.8
2437½	1737½	TDK	2325	...	...	1.3	23.2
8½	4½	TDS Circuits	8½	...	...	...	...
141	80	Telemetrix	129†	-1	0.6	0.6	45.0
899	809	THORN EMI	875	+9	30.1	4.3	22.5
111	96	Thorpe FW	108†	...	2.5	2.9	11.1
103	75	Total Systems	85	...	2.2	3.3	15.2
429	372	Tunstall	410	...	8.0	1.8	18.4
240	164	Unitech	223	+5	5.8	3.3	39.0
11½	6	Verity	9	+1½	...	...	...
33½	24	Vistec	29½	...	...	1.3	25.1
434	370	Vodafone	384	-4	...	1.9	18.8
441	374	Volex	413	-2	...	5.1	21.0
22	11	Western Selecm	21	...	...	...	...
345	223	Wholesale Ftgs	230	...	11.7	6.4	21.9

ELECTRICITY

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
487	389	East Midlands	474	-13	17.1	4.5	9.1
496	399	Eastern Elect	485	-11	16.7	4.3	12.0
356	304	Hydro-Elect	346½	-9½	10.1	3.7	13.2
509½	404	London Elect	484	-15	16.8	4.3	9.3
549	458	Manweb	535	-13	18.2	4.3	7.7
514	424½	Midlands Elec	499†	-8	17.2	4.3	10.5
549	440	Northern Elec	535	-8	18.5	4.3	7.9
544	439	Norweb	528	-11	17.7	4.2	9.9
337	285	Scottish Power	326	-8	10.1	3.9	12.1
529	436	Seeboard	513	-15	17.2	4.2	9.3
571	469	Sth Wales	557	-13	19.4	4.4	8.8
532	426	Sth Western	517	-14	17.4	4.2	9.3
496	406	Southern Elec	483	-13	16.6	4.3	9.6
552	455	Yorkshire Elec	539	-13	17.7	4.1	10.0
354½	273	National Powr	340½	-7½	9.1	3.3	11.2
353	273	PowerGen	345†	-8	...	3.8	10.7

FINANCE, LAND

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
60½	53	Aitken Hume	54	...	0.5	...	34.5
75	47	BWD	75	...	...	5.3	11.7
83	26	Baltic Plc	83	...	1.0	1.5	—
453	428	Caledonia	433	+1	14.4	4.2	16.6
1500	1075	Camellia	1425	...	27.0	2.4	12.0
258	243	Candover	248†	+3	10.2	5.2	17.6
91	71	Flextech	88	...	...	...	8.7
276	155	Govett	276	+2	...	6.0	7.9
143	125	Ivory Sime	143	...	...	5.5	15.0
6½	3	LIT	3½	...	...	...	...
12	11	Lightship	12#	...	...	...	0.6
192	154	Lon Forfaitng	192	+6	8.4	5.6	13.6
57	47	Manakin	55	...	...	...	...
10½	3½	Nat Home Loan	10	...	...	...	...
43	40	Newmarket	45	...	...	...	...
272	246	Rathbone Brs	272†	+2	6.0	2.8	—
22	17	Rutland Tst	20½	...	0.8	4.9	—
330	280	S & U	299	...	...	3.4	10.8
67	48	Singer & Fried	63	...	2.6	5.3	—
938	785	Sotheby's	863	...	...	4.8	...
90	83	SP Capital	97	+3	3.0	3.9	17.5

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1950	1487½	Amer Express	1687½	+18½	...	...	...
234	183	Electra	216	+1	6.7	3.9	29.5
975	835	Henderson Ad	925	-3	41.0	5.6	20.3
120	92	Invesco MIM	110	+2	3.0	3.5	—
213	164	Jardine Strat	190	+7	...	4.2	8.6
194	154	MAI	184†	+2	6.0	4.1	13.4
469	389	MAM	445	...	11.5	3.2	17.8
795	633	M & G	786	+1	20.0	3.2	20.9
222	115	Smith New Ct	222	+1	4.5	2.5	8.8
97	97	Sterling Tst	97#	...	...	...	8.5
78	55	Trio Hldgs	70	...	...	5.4	...

FOODS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
515	461	AB Food	506	+11	14.0	3.5	11.6
77½	55	ASDA Group	68½	+1	...	2.9	22.1
225	170	Acatos & Hutch	186	...	6.5	4.4	10.7
76	55	Albert Fisher	64	-3	3.7	7.3	10.7
407	320	Argyll	334	+11	9.7	3.6	13.1
25	12	Ashley Group	13	...	0.7	7.2	...
147	127	Assoc Fisheries	147	...	8.0	7.1	—
210	160	Banks (S C)	210†	+2	8.2	4.9	10.5
362	310	Barr (AG)	362	+2	6.5	2.2	18.3
94	66	Bensons Crsp	66†	+2	...	5.7	—
175	112	Berisford Intl	123	-1	...	...	...
453	371	Booker	384	+2	...	7.4	13.1
50	35	Borthwick	44	...	1.1	3.1	30.7
488	430	Brake Bros	483†	-1	...	1.6	20.2
51	38	Budgen	38	...	...	...	12.9
511	444	Cadbury-Schw	480	+10	...	3.4	17.8
89	78	Carrs Milling	83	...	3.9	5.9	16.6
256	137	Clifford Fd 'A'	256	...	11.5	5.8	—
201	179	Cranswick	200	...	...	4.7	14.8
20	8½	Cullens	15	...	0.5	4.2	8.0
384	168	Dalepak	217	...	6.0	3.5	9.8
491	441	Dalgety	448	-3	19.5	5.5	12.8
50	27	Daniels S	50	...	0.2	0.6	...
134	122	Everest	133†	...	...	3.3	18.4
295	269	Farepak	292	...	...	2.1	20.7
10	3	Farmingford	8½	...	...	...	...
92	78	Finlay (James)	82	...	4.1	6.3	15.4
98	78	Fyffes	95	+2	...	1.6	15.8
483	370	Geest	446	-3	8.1	2.3	—
13	7	Global	10	...	...	6.4	15.1
45	43	Grand Central	43	...	1.1	3.3	...
195	147	Hazlewood Fds	191	...	6.1	4.0	11.6
171	131	Hillsdown	152	-1	...	7.6	11.4
44	27	Hunter Saphir	43	...	2.5	...	...
750	616	Iceland Frozen	680	+11	...	1.9	16.3
131	111	JLI Group	114	...	4.5	4.9	16.4
853	731	Kwik Save	750	+6	16.0	2.7	15.7
262	234	Low (Wm)	234	...	8.4	4.5	11.3
58	41	Matthews (B)	50†	...	2.2	5.6	32.7
16	12½	Merchant Retail	13½	...	1.1	10.0	32.3
174	151	Morrison (W)	153†	+1	...	0.7	19.8
538	443	Nichols (JN)	493†	...	13.6	3.4	14.3
290	255	Nthn Foods	267	+2	...	3.7	14.7
22	14	Nthmbrn Fn	18	...	...	...	7.5
229	172	Nurdin Peack	209	...	6.1	3.7	—
241	205	Park Foods	216	...	3.2	1.9	25.8
115	83	Perkins Food	101†	...	4.4	5.4	—
96½	47	PizzaExpress	67	...	...	0.9	38.5
3½	1½	Regina Hlth	2½	...	...	...	...
584	455	Sainsbury J	475	+3	8.7	2.3	17.7
68	33	Sentry Farms	58†	...	...	2.2	13.6
225	178	Sims Food	178	...	11.2	7.9	9.6
439	391	Tate & Lyle	418	+4	12.0	3.6	15.4
273	222	Tesco	229	-1	7.1	4.0	—
211	179	Thorntons	179	-1	3.6	2.5	16.1
171	101	Trean	171	+5	...	2.6	19.5
375	300	Unigate	365	+2	15.3	5.2	13.0
414	340½	Utd Biscuits	377†	+3	...	5.1	19.5
25	21½	Usborne	23	...	0.4	2.2	14.1
337	248	Watson & Phil	300	...	13.3	5.5	15.6

HOTELS, CATERERS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
16	16	Abrdn Stk Hse	16	...	...	...	...
89	77	City Centre Rest	85	...	1.5	2.3	—
209	170	Forte	182	+1	9.9	6.8	...
199	155	Friendly Hotels	156	...	5.7	4.7	—
9	6½	Harmony Leis	6½	...	...	...	...
110	87	Jurys Hotel	110	...	...	5.5	13.0
215	166	Ladbroke	173†	-2	...	8.1	22.8
73	59	Mandarin Orntl	64†	+5	...	5.4	—
59	44	Queens Moat	47#	...	2.8	7.6	6.3
90	83	-do- 7½% Cvpf	85#	...	7.5	11.0	...
2½	½	Regal Hotels	1½	...	...	...	...
55	28	Resort Hotels	35	-1	3.4	12.3	6.9
795	700	Savoy Hotel 'A'	736	...	7.0	1.2	...
54	34½	Stakis	50	...	...	1.1	...

INDUSTRIALS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
224	183	AAF Inds	208	...	...	5.1	12.1
616	499	AAH	500	-5	16.3	4.1	15.9
172	141	AIM	141	...	6.5	5.8	8.7
132	100	APV	108†	...	5.4	6.3	—
182	81	ASW	159	...	6.0	4.7	...
155	124	Adwest	144	...	7.0	6.2	20.2
16	10	Aerospace Eng	13½	...	1.0	...	8.2
468	434	Airsprung	434	...	7.5	2.2	12.0
133	113	Alexdra W	128	+9	3.8	3.8	—
13½	8	Allied Radio	8	...	...	...	...
527	415	Alumasc	527	...	11.0	2.6	16.1
35	17	Alvis	29	...	1.0	4.5	6.0
420	380	Amber Ind	390	...	17.0	5.4	10.5
38	18	Amberley Gp	30	-1	...	4.2	...
146	135	Andrews Sykes	142	...	4.4	3.9	...
895	703	Antofagasta	863	-7	...	2.4	—
50½	37	Armour	43	...	1.4	4.3	12.6
170	143	Ash & Lacy	162†	-1	6.4	4.9	—
3½	2	Ass Br Eng	3	-½	0.0	2.1	...
555	445	Avon Rubber	523	...	16.5	3.9	20.4
235	166	Assoc Nursg	220	...	...	...	8.4
730	570	Atlas Equip	710	...	22.0	4.0	—
48	35	Ayrshire Metal	43	...	...	...	...
172	147	BBA	151	...	...	6.2	—
38	28	BLP Group	38	+2	...	...	...
18	16	BM Gp	18	...	5.0	...	0.7
770	701	BOC	707	-16	23.2	4.1	15.5
79½	65	BSG	66	...	...	6.1	—
422	353	BSS Group	404	+3	...	5.3	16.1
619	530	BTR	604	-3	...	3.7	19.8
221	193	BWI	193	...	6.7	4.4	16.3
41½	31	Babcock	37½	...	3.1	...	7.7
7½	4½	Bailey (CH)	6½	...	...	...	...
289	241	Baird (Wm)	252†	...	8.9	4.4	—
1062½	581½	Barlow Rand	600	...	...	6.3	3.1
7	7	Barren (H)	7#	...	2.0	...	10.2
63	48	Baynes (Charles)	60†	...	1.4	3.0	—
15	9	Beaufort	6	...	1.8	...	...
8½	6½	Beckenham	8	...	...	7.8	...
34	15	Bedford (W)	30	...	...	...	...
27½	20½	Benson Group	21½	+1	0.1	0.6	19.9
707	608	Bespak	627	-31	9.0	1.8	19.5
133	113	Bibby (J)	113	...	9.7	11.5	6.2
230	129	Billam (J)	210†	...	5.0	3.0	—
33½	21½	Bilton Bartesa	29†	...	...	...	...
11½	7½	Bittec Ind	8½	...	0.6	...	...
158	126	Birkby	145	...	...	0.9	...
43	32	Black Arrow	35	...	2.1	7.5	8.4
1½	½	Black & Edgtn	1½	...	...	...	...
183	136	Black (Peter)	165	-1	2.9	2.2	17.0
196	129	Bluebird Toys	192†	...	...	2.9	—
561	494	Bodycote	560	...	9.2	2.1	19.8
563	461	Boots	477†	+2	...	3.5	17.9
61	45	Booth Inds	48	...	3.2	8.3	5.0
517	435½	Bowater	490†	...	11.5	2.9	19.4
1482	1335	Bowater Inc	1442†	+5	...	...	...
248	199	Bowmore Intl	234	...	...	2.0	—
18	12½	Brasway	17	...	0.5	4.3	22.0
268	209	Bremner	263	...	13.0	6.4	—
16½	12	Bridgend Gp	13½	...	1.2	...	6.1
100	64	Bridon	87	...	4.0	5.9	—
66	53	Bridport-Gndry	60	...	4.1	8.8	11.0
40	31	Brierley Inv	32	+1	...	9.9	7.9
308	283	Br Bldg & Eng	283†	...	...	1.1	...
59	42	Br Bloodstock	52	...	...	...	...
495	417	Br Polythene	495	...	...	2.6	—
91	54	Br Steel	66	+1	...	1.5	...
120	100	Br Syphon	120	...	3.0	3.1	33.6
14½	11½	Br Thornton	13	...	...	2.4	...
268	222	Br Vita	221†	-6	7.1	4.0	13.7
13	6½	Brimon Grp	11	...	0.0	0.3	...
730	555	Broken Hill	700	+15	...	2.8	30.7
109	78	Bromsgrve Ind	97	...	4.0	5.2	13.4
10½	6½	Brooke Tool	7	...	...	...	...
68	51	Brown & Tawse	67	...	4.7	...	...
118	92	Bullough	94	...	6.0	8.0	16.1
26	16	Business Tech	17	...	...	...	30.5
28	17	CI Group	26	...	2.0	9.9	10.6
25	15	Campbll & Arm	24	...	2.0	...	...
14½	8	Cannon St	9½	-½	3.3	...	...
240	205	Cape	234	...	10.5	5.6	14.9
214	178	Cardo Eng	211†	...	...	4.0	17.7
2888	2138	Carnaud Mtl	2450	...	...	2.7	—
78	66	Cassidy Bros	71	...	...	4.2	7.9
167	158	Castings	165	...	4.0	3.1	11.8
145	113	Chamberlin Hill	145	...	6.0	5.2	8.7
707	609	Charter Cons	629	-5	21.5	4.3	15.1
270	230	Chemring	262	+1	...	3.9	15.8
92	69	Chieftain Gp	69†	...	5.1	9.2	14.8
30	17	Chillington	18	...	0.5	3.5	...
187	144	Christies Int	172	+1	1.5	1.1	—
61	34	Claybithe	56	...	2.5	5.6	...
90	60	Clayton Son	83	...	3.0	4.5	...
7	7	Co Designers	7#	...	0.2	...	...
400	350	Cohen (A)	350	...	10.0	...	...
223	180	Community H	181†	...	6.5	4.5	11.3
246	186½	Concentric	240	...	...	2.9	19.2
176	120	Cook (Wm)	142	...	10.0	...	9.5
208	182	Cookson	207†	-1	...	3.6	—
45	38	Copymore	45	...	...	7.5	8.8
238	178	Crowl Plr 'A'	178	-1	5.7	4.0	15.2
178	147	Cosalt	157	-1	10.7	8.6	23.9
224	185	Creighton Nt	185	...	...	4.7	13.4
40	27	CrestaCare	37†	...	0.5	1.7	—
3456½	2993½	Dana	3012½	...	...	...	...
685	314	Danka Bs Sys	615	...	3.7	0.8	18.9
16	5	Davies (DT)	16	...	...	...	...
707	642	De La Rue	690	-2	15.0	2.7	21.1
25	16	Dinkie Heel	22	...	0.9	5.5	—
481	391	Diploma	471	-2	9.7	2.6	24.5
66	50	Dobson Park	58	+1	5.7	12.4	10.4
98	82	Dyson (J&J)	97	...	5.0	6.4	13.9
65	57	-do- 'A'	64	...	5.0	9.8	9.2
18	9	EFG	17	...	...	...	...
430	379	EIS	413	+2	11.7	3.5	15.4
15½	9½	EIT Gp	9#	...	...	...	...
28	19	Elbief	28	...	...	...	...
43	23	Eleco	35	...	3.3	...	14.7
2350	1925	Electrolux 'B'	2012½	...	...	2.8	—
66	45	Elliott (B)	59	...	...	...	...
484	433	Eng China Cl	438†	-2	20.0	5.7	—
2400	1590	Ericsson 'B'	2375	...	...	1.3	—
76	27	Erskine Hse	37	+1	0.6	22.5	3.0
44	32	Eurocopy	43	...	1.6	4.7	16.7
73	47	Expamet	51†	...	3.2	8.0	—
635	499	Fairey Group	612	-7	10.2	2.1	—
95	53	Fenner	65	...	4.2	8.1	12.3
61	33	Ferraris Group	54	...	...	2.3	12.3
1½	½	Ferromet	1	...	...	...	...
29	23	Fernum	23	...	2.5	14.5	15.1
35	30	Fife Indmar	30	...	0.5	2.1	...
251	166	Fisons	168	-½	...	6.7	17.4
43	29	Fitzwilton	43	...	11.8	...	...
255	215	Flogas	240	...	...	4.2	9.9
43	40	Folkes Group nv	41	-½	2.3	7.2	8.3
74	56	French (Thomas)	66	...	3.6	6.9	33.1
210	166½	Frost Group	187	...	4.0	2.7	—
85	71	GEI Int	83	...	7.3	11.0	17.1
489	441	GKN	449	-1	...	5.7	20.0
51	42	GR Hldgs	46	...	...	5.6	...
87	82	Garton Eng	82	...	4.0	6.3	—
160	111	Gestetner	113	-5	8.2	9.1	4.9
36	23	Gieves	25	...	...	...	18.1
801	545	Glaxo	555	+2	17.0	3.8	15.3
26	16	Glenchewton	25	...	...	...	...
293	245	Glynwed	282	+3	11.6	5.1	—
93	66	Goode Durrant	86	...	5.4	7.8	18.2
124	102	Grampian Hd	123†	+3	5.5	5.6	—
406	341	Granada	396	+1	7.7	2.4	21.1
355	301	Green Sthrn	354	-1	...	3.9	—
84	78	Green (Ernst)	80†	...	...	10.9	11.0
10½	8½	Greenacre	10½	...	...	3.0	11.2
17	8	Guardian Grp	12	...	...	...	...
42½	30½	Haden MacLn	40	...	2.0	6.4	—
83	44	Hadleigh Inds	64	...	...	...	...
188	115	Hall Eng	183†	...	8.6	5.9	15.3
258	215	Halma	239	-7	2.2	1.1	29.6
49	30	Hampson Ind	33	...	2.3	...	8.9
269½	228	Hanson	229½	-1	...	6.2	11.7
243	208	Harris (Philip)	229	-1	6.8	3.9	16.0
186	147	Harrison Crsfld	169	-3	...	6.9	22.4
60	38	Havelock Euro	60	...	1.5	...	...
4	1½	Hawthorn Lese	1½	...	...	...	...
51	20	Hay (Norman)	33	...	...	...	...
25	17	Headway	24	...	0.7	3.6	12.7
353	301	Hepworth	332†	-5	14.8	5.6	—
225	160	Hewitt (J)	216†	...	3.0	1.7	16.9
38	15	High-Point	26	-2	1.3	...	...
122	112½	Hill & Smith	125	-1	...	5.6	17.4
10	7	Hobson	8	...	...	...	...
104	87	Holders Tech	100†	-1	...	7.5	—
40	30	Hopkinsons	35	...	3.7	...	10.1
167	138	Hornby	151†	-2	...	7.5	—
13½	6	Hospital Crp	6	...	...	16.7	1.6
67	54½	Howden	65†	...	...	4.1	10.0
238	178	Hunting	230	...	...	5.6	—
1013	808	Huntigh Tech	950	+50	...	0.6	35.1
285	247	IMI	281†	+1	10.0	4.4	—
108	90	ISA Intl	98	...	1.5	1.9	—
205	179	Intercare Gp	185	+1	...	1.8	19.6
255	235	Isotron	248	...	3.9	2.0	15.9
493	360	Jardine Math	456	+55	...	2.9	—
577	458	Johnson Matth	446	-3	9.6	2.7	18.5
64	52	Johnson & FB	53½	...	3.0	7.0	16.5
136	104	Johnston	106	...	3.2	3.9	—
32	19	Jones Shipman	26	...	...	...	...
30	18	Jourdan (T)	28	...	0.7	3.4	...
46	26	Kalamazoo	41	...	...	...	33.8
157	103	Kalon	154½	-½	3.2	2.6	—
297	253	Kelsey Ind	278	...	13.0	5.8	...
545	466	Kershaw (A)	510	...	27.0	6.6	26.5
118	75	Kleeneze	110	...	...	...	...
118	101	LGW	118†	...	3.8	3.2	9.8
303	266	Laird	282†	+7	10.5	4.7	—
136	105	Lee (Arthur)	134	...	5.9	5.5	56.9
136	110	Lilleshall	121	...	4.2	4.4	14.9
153	97	Lincat	153†	...	...	4.2	13.2
16	4½	Lincoln Hse	16½	...	...	...	13.6
128	76	Linread	112	...	3.7	4.3	—
195	170	Linton Park	185	...	13.0	8.8	32.4
14½	10½	Lionheart	10½	+½	0.2	2.3	...
19½	15	Locker (T) A	16	...	1.0	7.8	50.4
274	191	Lon Ind	197	...	9.4	6.0	13.4
93	70	Lonrho	83	-1	...	6.0	...
342	269	Low & Bonar	325	...	...	3.5	—
343	283	MB-Caradon	309	-1	8.6	3.6	—
160½	140½	-do- pf	157	+½	7.2	5.8	...
25	14½	ML Hldgs	22	...	1.8	...	21.2
35	27	MS Intl	34	...	2.5	9.2	47.5
50	39	MY Holdings	41	...	...	3.1	12.4
285	236	Macfarlane	262	...	4.7	2.3	—
430	370	McKechnie	419	-3	14.7	4.4	21.8
106	88	McLeod Russel	103	+1	6.0	7.3	12.6
10½	7½	Maddox	7½	-½	...	...	...
74	66	Magnolia	69	...	0.1	0.2	—
106	71	Mang Bronze	93†	...	1.0	1.3	...
27	22	Marling	22	...	0.3	...	...
179	134	Mayborn	168	+2	...	3.8	13.7
59	36½	Mayflower	55	...	...	3.4	—
236	191½	Medeva	201½	+2½	...	1.4	16.4
103½	88	Meggitt	101½	+1	3.6	4.4	15.2
130	111	Metalrax	113†	+2	4.0	4.4	—
76	70	Metsec	70	...	3.0	1.3	...
66	29	Midsmet	59	+1	5.8	6.6	16.7
19½	14	Mining & Ald	19½	...	0.5	3.2	...
488	368	Molins	462†	...	14.0	3.8	—
345	262	Morgan Cble	268	+7	12.6	6.0	—
145	134	Morris Ashby	135	...	...	4.4	11.7
31	18	Neepsend	20	...	1.5	...	...
60	34	Nestor-BNA	50	-3	3.1	8.2	—
147	132	Nobo Gp	144	...	3.5	3.0	17.6
163	127½	Norcros	161	...	7.0	5.4	27.6
43	35	Novo Group	40	...	...	0.9	...
329	310	Nu-Swift	311	...	...	8.0	8.6
53	36	Office Elec Mac	47	...	0.1	0.3	...
39½	21	OMI Intl	25	...	1.7	8.7	...
140	133	PCT	133	...	...	6.6	12.1
48	46	Pacer Systems	47	...	...	8.1	...
138	117	Pentland	117†	-1	...	2.7	—
380	310	Photo-Me	351	+3	4.4	1.6	17.9
125	97½	Pilkington	116	...	6.6	6.5	42.2
32	19	Plaids	29	...	...	...	...
79	68	Plumbrook	68	...	3.0	5.7	—
148	126	Polypipe	143†	...	1.9	1.7	20.7
517	495	Portals	490	...	14.5	3.8	—
32	19	Porter Chadbrn	21	...	2.5	14.9	5.2
7½	5½	Porth Gp	7	...	...	...	...
370	306	Powerscreen	356	...	6.0	2.1	20.1
20	17½	Prospect Inds	17½	-½	0.7	5.4	8.8
54	33½	RPS Group	53†	...	...	5.2	11.7
95	73	Radiant Metal	85	...	...	...	...
148	77	Ramco Oil	110	...	...	3.3	78.5
744	636	Rank Org	672	+2	31.0	5.8	18.4
33	23	Ransomes	26	...	...	...	...
657	593	Reckitt Colm	682†	-6	...	3.4	24.2
77	50	Record	77	...	3.6	6.1	36.2
4	2½	Reece	3½	...	...	...	12.2
169	131	Relyon	152†	+3	4.9	4.0	—
303	275	Renishaw	279	+1	6.5	2.9	21.4
60	55	Renold	58	+½	1.0	2.2	...
1438	1295	Reuters	1316	-10	21.2	2.0	21.8
30	24½	Rexmore	28	...	1.7	7.8	6.0
120	91	Ricardo Group	105†	-2	5.7	6.8	29.5
61	58	Richard (Leics)	61	...	4.4	9.0	6.1
78	63	Richardson West	69†	-1	3.0	5.4	—
128	109	Ropner	122	...	8.2	8.5	8.7
122	97	-do- 'A'	114	...	8.2	9.0	8.2
38	28	Ross Gp	34	...	0.654	2.4	—
448	395	Rotork	446	-1	11.1	3.2	—
135	100	Rubicon	125	...	...	1.5	...
65	49	Russell (A)	49	...	2.1	5.5	25.9
26	15	SEP Indl	25	...	0.6	3.3	—
800	625	SKF 'B'	657½	...	...	2.1	...
291	222	Sanderson Elec	272	...	9.0	4.1	11.6
52	39	Savage	49	...	...	0.6	64.5
45	40	Saville Grdn (J)	40	...	2.2	6.9	15.8
248	223	Scapa	227½	-½	5.3	2.9	18.5
238	195	Scholl	196	...	6.3	4.1	—
6½	4	Scot Heritable	4½	...	...	...	...
990	929	Securicor	929	...	2.6	0.4	35.3
668	583	-do- 'A'	584	...	2.6	0.6	—
565	483	Security Serv	484	...	5.0	1.3	23.9
94	77	Senior Eng	91	-½	3.1	4.4	—
361	306	Seton Health	319	...	...	2.0	20.5
50	42	Sheldon Jones	48	...	...	...	...
97	88	Shiloh	94	...	2.7	3.7	25.5
361	302	Sidlaw	303	...	10.0	4.1	14.1
501	427	Siebe	475	+10	...	2.4	20.0
305	221	Silentnight	293	...	8.0	3.4	16.3
121	102	Sime Darby	106†	-7	...	4.2	12.9
142	92	Simon Eng	107	...	5.0	5.8	—
259	235	Sinclair (Wm)	254	-1	7.0	3.4	16.4
47	42	Six Hundred	45	...	2.5	6.9	...
164	146½	Smith & Neph	147	-2½	...	4.0	19.2
513	399	Smithkline	408½	+½	8.7	2.7	15.3
450	340	Smthkine Uts	357	+1	...	3.7	13.4
394	320	Smiths Ind	328	+4	11.2	4.3	13.4
140	79	Sthn Bus	65	+3	3.3	5.0	8.0
376	265	Spandex	375	...	...	2.2	—
475	300	Spear (JW)	475	...	14.0	3.8	—
362	314	Spirax-Sarco	346	...	9.3	3.4	—
145	55	Spring Ram	60½	...	0.3	0.7	—
270	231	Staveley	237	...	8.2	4.3	13.5
147	126	Sterling Ind	142	...	5.6	4.9	17.8
20	11	Stonehill	20	+1	...	...	...
154	97	Suter	135†	...	9.9	8.1	—
315	244	Swire Pacfc 'A'	309	+17	...	2.9	—
8	5½	Sycamore	5½	-½	...	...	...
260	240	Sytrone	260	...	9.4	4.5	12.0
198	164	T&N	178	-2	10.8	7.9	—
333	279	TI	303	-7	...	4.4	18.6
18	12	TLS Range	12	...	...	2.7	...
275	218	TT Group	260†	...	6.0	2.9	—
249	220	Takare	237†	...	1.8	0.9	—
815	618	Takeda Chem	799	...	...	0.6	21.2
31	24	Tex Hldgs	31	...	...	...	...
79	70	Tinsley (E)	70	...	...	9.3	8.2
205	150	Titon	204	...	...	2.2	17.7
271	239	Tomkins	250	-2½	...	3.2	17.6
94½	67	Trafalgar H	79½	+½	...	5.1	5.8
99½	65½	-do- 'A'	79	+2	...	...	...
579	346	Transfer Tech	543	-2	16.0	3.8	—
190	158½	Triplex Lloyd	180	...	7.0	4.9	16.5
253	229	UniChem	229	-1	5.6	3.1	—
310	280	Unidare	305	...	...	7.0	68.2
29	11½	Unigroup	28	...	...	...	...
1249	1050	Unilever	1127†	+7	21.3	3.4	—
8112½	6625	Unilever (NV)	7400	...	...	2.8	11.9
650	513	VSEL	650	...	25.0	4.8	7.5
9½	6½	Verson	7½	...	...	...	...
137	95½	Vickers	132†	+2	...	1.4	...
367	303	Victaulic	306†	+1	7.8	3.2	—
364	283	Vimen	351	...	7.0	2.5	—
526	427	Vosper Thorny	525	+1	13.1	3.1	12.7
45	41	WSP Hldgs	43†	...	2.9	8.4	—
468	410	Wagon Ind	423	...	...	5.0	16.4
78	71	Walker Greenbk	75	...	3.1	5.3	—
243	201	Wassall	241†	+1	2.5	1.3	24.3
33	22	Weham	33	...	...	...	...
675	582	Weir	613†	+3	11.8	2.4	—
993	658	Wellcome	719†	+11	13.0	2.3	19.9
29½	22½	Wellman	23	...	2.2	...	8.6
495	460	Whatman	495	...	9.5	2.4	—
339	267	Whessoe	330	...	...	3.1	12.4
10½	4	Wheway	10	...	1.0	12.5	...
50	27	Whitecroft	44	-1	4.0	...	4.1
8½	4½	Widney	7½	...	...	...	...
76	44	Wilkes (James)	70	+2	3.5	6.3	—
365	322	Williams Hldg	335	...	12.5	4.8	17.1
26½	17	Wilshaw	26	...	0.4	1.9	21.5
620	533	Wolseley	590†	...	12.5	2.7	20.5
150	125	Wood (Arthur)	125†	...	1.5	1.5	—
45	35	Wyko	36	...	2.8	...	30.6
58	38	Young (H)	54	...	3.0	6.9	19.8

INSURANCE

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1993½	1581½	Alex & Alex	1587½	+6½	...	4.3	...
2275	1793½	Am Gen	2062½	...	...	3.7	...
45	30	Archer (AJ)	35	...	4.4	15.7	17.0
148	133	Bradstock	140	...	5.1	4.6	17.3
1475	1076	Britannic	1458	+8	33.5	2.9	—
641	561	Com Union	617	-11	...	4.9	...
1450	1225	Dom & Gen	1440†	...	...	1.6	23.8
22	19	FAI	19	...	...	...	...
615½	551	Gen Accident	607	-6	26.7	5.7	...
195	160	GRE	184	-2	7.0	4.8	...
370	334	Heath C E	340	-8	16.0	5.9	20.0
195	168	Hogg Gp	195	+2	8.1	5.4	—
198	164	JIB Group	194†	-1	7.5	4.8	19.6
473	408½	Legal & Gen	453†	-12	...	3.3	63.7
1026	768	Liberty Life	776	-43	...	3.7	13.5
465	409	Lloyds Abbey	414	-9	17.3	5.2	14.9
295	253	Lloyd Thomp	274	+1	5.6	2.6	20.0
368	274	Londn & Man	343	+5	14.2	5.3	—
362	321	Lowndes Lmb	348	+2	12.6	4.5	13.8
6743½	5750½	Marsh McLn	6062½	-56½	...	3.1	...
97	76	Oriel	77	+1	...	8.1	5.3
68	50½	PWS	60	...	4.0	8.3	8.7
342	282½	Prudential	338†	-2	...	4.4	22.5
1138	800	Refuge	1003	+3	31.5	3.7	29.4
321	258	Royal	306	-2	5.0	2.0	...
183	153	Sedgwick	153	-1	6.0	4.9	18.4
261	216	Steel Burrill	229†	...	13.2	7.2	—
87	59	Sturge Hldgs	61	...	8.2	16.9	6.2
362	307	Sun Alliance	343†	-6	14.2	5.2	...
61	50	Trade Indemnity	56	...	...	...	...
286	239	Transatlantic	286	+1	12.0	5.2	—
773	499	Utd Friendly	693	-2	14.5	2.7	—
208	171	Willis Corroon	193	+3	...	4.3	—
20	13½	Windsor	19	-1	...	...	14.9

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1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1708	1548	Alliance	1640†	+4	45.0	3.4	—
268	226½	Amer Trust	239†	-1	4.9	2.6	49.6
343	304	Ang & O'seas	340	+1	6.8	2.5	43.2
136½	121½	BZW Conv	127†	...	7.8	7.7	14.9
158	133½	Bankers	151	...	3.4	2.9	41.3
299	264	Baring Tribne	279	...	6.4	2.9	43.5
148	131	Berry Starq	142	...	2.0	1.8	48.0
106½	96½	Br Assets	102	...	...	5.2	25.0
65	57½	Br Empire Sec	64½	...	0.8	1.7	65.5
17	14	-do- Wnts	16	...	...	...	...
173	156	Br Inv	166	...	4.5	3.4	41.7
164	130	Contl Asset	156	+2	2.4	1.9	51.9
195	145	Derby Inc	145	...	16.6	14.3	8.7
235	198	-do- Cap	218	...	...	...	...
119	90	Drayton Asia	115	+3	0.7	0.8	...
73	62	-do- Blue Chip	68	+1	8.4	16.1	7.3
57	35	-do- Eng Intl	54	...	1.2	2.8	79.1
111	84	-do- Far East	110	+1	0.6	0.7	...
101	95	-do- Korea	100	...	0.5	0.7	...
631	577	Dunedin Inc G	608	+2	25.4	5.2	28.0
582	513	-do- Wrde	569	+1	9.5	2.1	58.6
270	222	Dundee & Lon	254	...	12.0	5.9	23.4
50	46	EFM Inc Tst	47†	...	4.8	13.0	8.5
54	51½	-do- Div Pf	51½	...	...	...	...
274	250½	Edinburgh	264	+1	8.0	3.8	32.2
155	141	Electric Gen	152	...	3.1	2.5	48.4
97	85	English Scot	93	...	...	...	...
253	205	European Asset	247†	+4	...	3.0	30.1
91	77	Finsbury 'A'	91	...	3.0	4.1	29.3
290	248	Fleming Amer	265	-3	0.7	0.3	...
206	190½	-do- Claver	204	+1	...	1.3	40.0
266	212	Do Contl	244	+1	2.8	1.4	...
171	147	-do- Entp	170	+1	4.5	3.3	38.2
283	213	-do- F East	262	+4	1.5	0.7	...
306	246	-do- Fledg	299½	...	3.0	1.3	...
116	106½	-do- Hi Inc	110	...	5.8	6.6	16.7
214	136	-do- Japan	214	+1	0.3	0.2	...
271	250	-do- Merc	254	...	6.7	3.3	—
251	212	-do- O'seas	239	...	4.0	2.1	57.1
229	203	Foreign & Col	223½	+1	3.3	1.9	60.9
210	164	-do- Eurotst	193†	...	1.2	0.8	...
107	87	-do- German	98	...	0.4	0.5	...
257	191	-do- Pacific	255	...	1.9	1.0	—
137½	116	-do- Smaller	135	...	...	1.7	66.6
215	145	GT Japan	215	+1	...	0.7	...
110	65	Genl Cons Cap	108	+5	...	...	...
123½	96½	-do- Inc	107	...	...	0.0	11.0
145	123	Govett Am Smlr	127	...	...	...	...
238	184	-do- Oriental	238	+4	0.9	0.5	...
346	307	-do- Strategy	339	+1	6.7	3.5	33.0
373	340	Greenfriar	371	...	6.3	2.1	55.7
10	5	Gresham House	8	...	...	...	...
53	47	Independent Inv	48½	+½	0.5	1.3	76.8
134	125	Inv Cap	130½	...	5.1	4.9	26.2
92	77	IBS UK Smlr	86	+½	2.0	2.9	21.3
183	156½	Kleinwort Chrt	173	+1	5.0	3.6	33.7
203	176	-do- O'seas	196	...	3.3	2.1	55.7
126	108	-do- Smlr	112†	...	4.0	4.5	27.2
595	540	Law Debenture	579†	+3	18.2	3.9	28.9
170	164	Majedie	170	...	...	3.5	32.9
249	221	Merchants	238†	...	10.6	5.6	—
509½	370	Merrill Lynch	462½	+34½	...	...	...
440	383	Monks Inv Tst	401	...	0.7	2.1	54.0
125	105	Morg Gren Inc	121	+1	...	4.6	24.8
37	23	Do Warrants	37	+1	...	...	...
47	39	Murray Euro	44†	...	0.1	0.5	—
11	4½	Do Wts	9½	...	...	...	...
315	282	Murray Income	305	+1	...	4.4	29.0
319	265	-do- Intl	280	...	11.4	4.9	26.1
312	263	-do- Small	297	...	4.0	1.7	64.0
103	96	-do- S/C Inc	99	...	...	13.4	9.6
90	73	-do- S/C Cap	89	...	...	...	...
3050	2791	-do- S/C Uts	2950	...	...	4.5	...
147½	142½	-do- S/C DF	143	...	...	...	...
260	220	-do- Vent	243†	...	10.3	5.3	19.2
71	56½	New Frontier	68	...	0.2	0.5	...
85	68	Nwthrog Inc	78†	...	6.7	10.8	10.9
285	249	O'seas Inv Tst	284	+1	2.8	1.2	...
362	285	Pacific Assets	347	+12	1.1	0.4	...
264	187	Do Warrants	246	+8	...	...	...
8200	7650	Personal Assets	8200	...	...	2.4	49.0
119	100	RIT Cap Ptnr	117	...	1.1	1.2	53.0
123	108	River & Merc	115	+1	9.2	10.0	11.5
398	350	Robeco	384	...	...	2.5	...
388	346	Rolinco	368	...	...	2.1	...
240	214	St Andrew Inv	237	...	7.5	4.0	31.9
148½	131	Scot American	140½	...	4.3	3.9	29.7
945	681	Scot Asian	925	+15	...	...	...
325	225	do Warrants	325	+5	...	...	...
73	63½	-do- Eastern	70†	-1	1.5	2.7	—
201	183	Scottish	193	...	4.6	3.0	40.0
201	178	-do- Mtge	188	+1	3.9	2.6	44.3
79½	71	-do- Value	79½	...	...	2.8	56.6
1503	1390	Second Allnce	1434	-7	36.5	3.2	38.5
84½	74½	Secs Tst of Scot	81½	...	3.2	5.0	27.2
130	109½	Selective Asset	123	...	1.2	1.2	44.2
21½	14	Sphere Inv	20½	+½	3.1	18.0	—
139	112	TR Far East	131	+3	4.5	4.3	28.5
140½	126	TR City Of Lon	134½	...	4.7	4.5	28.0
141	110	TR Pacific	130	+3	0.3	0.3	...
22½	17	TR Property	20½	...	1.4	...	61.0
69	47	TR Tech Inv	52½	...	1.7	4.2	26.0
170	146	TR Smlr Cos	162	-1	3.7	2.9	47.4
315	283	Temple Bar	307	...	13.2	5.4	23.2
90	69	Thrmtn Aslan E	86	+2	0.5	0.7	...
66	54	Throgmorton	58½	...	2.3	4.9	23.9
418	363	Throg Dual Cp	393	+1	...	...	...
195	178	USDC Invest	189	+1	4.5	3.0	34.8
90½	76½	Value Inc Tst	90½	...	...	5.0	23.9
598	542	Whitbread Inv	564	...	15.0	3.3	37.4
195	181	Witan	190	...	5.6	3.7	33.3

LEISURE

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
345	269	Airtours	289½	+10½	7.2	3.1	10.3
60	42	Ald Leis	48	-1	4.7	...	13.7
272	194	Anglia TV	250†	-5	9.2	4.6	—
249	192	Barr & W 'A'	202	-7	10.0	6.4	—
1195	930	Boosey Hwks	1175	...	30.0	2.1	18.8
104	90	Border TV	92	...	...	3.7	12.0
16½	4½	Brent Walker	11	...	...	...	...
7½	2½	Buckingham Int	3½	...	...	...	...
292	210	Campari	220	...	...	6.3	6.0
197	171	Capital Radio	193†	...	5.2	3.4	22.5
818	718	Carlton Comm	770	+7	17.0	2.8	22.7
200	158	Castle Comm	198	...	...	5.5	17.7
1825	1615	Central TV	1770	...	38.0	2.7	—
83	69	Chrysalis	69	-1	...	...	...
610	517	Compass Gp	580	-1	12.3	2.7	16.5
350	218	Eurocamp	220	...	9.7	5.5	9.1
1180	710	Euro Disney	1023	-35	...	1.2	...
8	3½	Euro Leisure	5	...	...	...	9.7
23	18	Ex-Lands	19½	+1½	...	...	...
317	245	Fairline Boats	295	...	10.5	4.4	...
378	320	First Leisure	360	-1	6.1	2.1	24.9
515	298	GWR Gp	515	...	...	1.7	26.5
181	149	Grampian	172	...	5.5	4.0	12.1
6	5	Greenwich Comm	5	...	...	...	...
51	19	HTV Group	51	+4½	...	...	...
76	30	Hi-Tec Sports	35	...	5.5	...	2.2
17	5½	Kunick	10½	+½	...	...	...
384	262	LWT CP	375	...	6.9	1.6	—
451	327	Man Utd	451	...	18.0	5.1	15.3
148	96½	Owners Abrd	110	-4	3.5	4.0	8.8
66	33	The Pelican Gp	54†	-1	...	2.3	18.6
130	55	Prism Leisure	118	...	...	2.9	13.5
20	16	Quadrant Grp	17	...	4.0	...	2.6
318	293	Radio Clyde	293	-1	...	3.6	23.0
162	132	Ramsdens (H)	148	-1	...	3.8	19.6
502	431	Scot TV	455	-1	9.9	2.8	—
60	41	Southern Radio	41	...	0.7	2.4	17.1
209	168	Stanley Leisure	194	...	...	2.7	16.4
7	5½	Sunleigh	7	+1	...	...	...
145	138	Sunset & Vine	138†	-2	3.5	3.2	16.1
29	19	TSW	29#	...	...	23.8	—
420	383	Tanjong	420	...	...	0.6	—
221	150	Thames TV	180	...	7.5	5.2	5.1
2½	1	Ticketing	2½	...	...	...	...
117	84	Tottenhm Hot	92	...	...	...	3.0
78	44	Trans World	69	...	...	1.4	25.2
344	274	Ulster TV	343	...	10.0	3.7	—
22	17	Wembley	18½	...	1.8	...	...
31	7½	Whitegate	24	...	...	...	...
175	110	Yorkshire TV	154	+1	12.0	9.7	4.7
108	83	Zetters Gp	106	...	8.0	9.4	10.7

MINING

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
3387½	1800	Am Gold	2900	-21½	...	7.6	13.2
1325	1018½	Ang Am Coal	1225	...	...	8.3	5.2
1712½	1125	Ang Am	1450	-59½	...	5.3	9.0
18½	8½	Anglo Pac Res	14½	...	...	...	...
91	33	Blyvoors	71	-5	...	9.6	3.5
25½	18	Bracken	18	...	...	...	0.9
535	233	Buffels	435	-15	...	10.2	9.6
2	1½	Bune	1½	...	...	...	...
684	546	CRA	634	+14	...	3.5	—
19	11	Cluff Res	12½	...	...	...	...
1150	762½	De Beers	975	-37½	...	5.4	—
68	37½	Deelkraal	53	...	...	12.6	2.6
30	7	Doornfontein	21	...	...	...	...
600	386	Driefontein	510	-32	...	7.2	9.4
289	120	Durban	250	-15	...	...	...
94	47	E Rand Gold	72	-3	...	15.9	2.1
126	62	E Daggs	103	-3	...	...	7.7
206	54	E Rand Prop	177	...	...	...	...
281	117	Elandsrand	220	+50	...	6.1	4.6
574	292	FS Cons	458	-40	...	11.7	4.6
25	8	FS Dev	16	...	...	...	...
1238	722	GFSA	1050	...	...	4.3	14.9
164	125	Gencor	136	-5	...	7.3	10.6
47½	35½	GM Kalgoorli	45	...	...	3.3	10.3
16½	5	Greenwich R 'A'	13	...	...	...	...
118	49	Grootvlei	95	...	...	12.1	5.1
245	75	Harmony	215	...	...	...	...
209	87	Harties	170	...	...	...	5.9
14	8½	Inocco	10½	...	...	...	...
783	491	Impala Plat	712	...	...	...	14.5
9½	6	Kenmare Res	8½	...	...	...	...
685	332	Kinross	610	...	...	9.1	6.1
541	319	Kloof	473	-27	...	4.2	7.2
71	25	Leslie	54	-9	...	8.5	4.9
48	13	Loraine	35	...	...	...	...
116½	96½	MIM	103½	-4	...	2.4	44.2
955	820	Minorco	895	...	...	4.2	10.6
120	91	Nth Brkn Hill	116½	+1½	...	4.6	...
1400	610	Orange Free	1300	-46½	...	11.6	9.6
709	634	RTZ	666	+3	19.5	3.9	29.1
590	425	Rand Mines	525	...	...	12.3	2.2
133	85	Rand Min Prp	133	...	...	14.0	5.9
333	150	Randfontein	297	-3	...	6.6	3.0
163	115	Renison	159	+2	...	3.0	14.4
1075	887½	Rustnbrg	893½	...	...	5.6	12.7
348	191	St Helena	345	-8	...	17.7	6.4
1050	475	Southvaal	925	...	...	6.9	14.3
59	18	Stilfontein	52	...	...	14.0	7.8
141	58	Unisel	122	...	...	2.1	10.4
3400	1800	Vaal Reefs	2950	-100	...	8.3	4.6
363	154	Welkom	310	...	...	11.6	6.6
79	26	Western Areas	64	-1	...	...	...
1425	587½	Western Deep	1150	-75	...	6.1	4.7
247	176	Wstrn Mining	245†	+8	...	...	...
660	323	Winkels	595	...	...	1.8	4.4
84	56	Zambia Copper	69	...	...	...	...
34	18	Zandpan	29	-1	...	...	6.3

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
238	233	Abbey Panels	238	...	0.1	0.1	18.8
125	95	Airflow Stream	125	...	...	...	...
116	82	Appleyard	114†	...	5.2	5.7	—
270	203	Blenchley Mtr	270	...	8.8	4.1	—
147	120	Bostrom	145	...	6.0	5.3	—
294	165	Br Aerospace	278	...	7.0	3.1	...
325	303	Caffyns	303	...	11.5	4.7	40.4
9½	4½	Caverdale	8½	...	...	...	...
130	98	Central Mtr	126	...	...	4.0	32.0
26	18	Cook (DC)	18	...	...	...	79.8
226	156	Cowie (T)	216	...	6.2	3.6	16.4
110	86	Dag Motors	109	...	5.7	6.8	—
140	106	Davnprt Vern	140	...	4.0	3.6	17.3
264	155	ERF	205	...	4.0	...	...
117	92	European Mtr	102	+3	...	1.8	...
292	208	Evans Halshaw	277†	...	11.2	5.1	—
290	226	FR Group	273	-1	7.2	3.4	—
3587½	2843½	Ford Motor	3537½	-12½	...	...	...
2875	2143½	General Mtr	2537½	+31½	...	2.0	...
51	38	Gowrings	51	+6	2.0	5.0	—
123	85	Henlys	110†	...	3.0	3.4	...
875	690	Honda Motor	849	...	...	0.7	...
26	15	Jacks (Wm)	26	...	...	...	...
88	66	Jessups	88	...	4.5	6.4	...
136	97	Kwik-Fit	118†	-1	3.3	3.5	—
341	281	Lex Service	339†	+1	10.6	3.9	—
117	85	Lookers	101	...	6.2	7.2	...
152	126	Lucas	128	...	7.0	6.9	...
274½	224½	Pendragon	260	...	...	3.2	21.0
161	106	Perry Gp	155	...	6.0	4.9	—
153	108	Quicks Group	149†	...	4.5	3.8	—
139	99	Rolls-Royce	123½	-1½	5.0	5.1	...
148	125	Vardy (Reg)	132†	...	4.0	3.8	20.4
171	121	Westland	171	+3	4.2	3.1	15.1

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
144	103	Adscene	133	...	4.0	3.8	14.2
330	325	Black (A&C)	325	...	13.0	5.0	19.4
608	488	Blenheim Gp	517	-10	...	2.2	—
308	275	Bristol	303	...	11.5	4.7	22.5
9200	7775	Daily Mail	9125	-25	13.0	1.8	20.5
9150	7700	Daily Mail 'A'	9100	-25	13.0	1.8	20.5
305	262	Dorling Kind	268	...	...	1.4	25.5
365	328	EMAP	358	+2	...	2.6	23.3
983	873	Euromoney Pb	938	-2	29.5	3.9	21.1
237	170	Harrington K	224	...	4.5	2.5	18.1
358	233	Haynes Pub	308	...	6.0	2.4	13.2
280	226	Headline	280†	...	4.5	2.0	—
140	105	Home Counts	130	...	6.0	5.5	—
5½	3	Intl Bus Comm	5	...	...	...	...
8	6½	Int Cm & Data	7½	...	...	...	...
520	400	Independent	520	+40	...	4.2	—
531	395	Johnstne Press	531†	...	6.2	1.5	23.0
388	242	Metal Bulletn	276	...	8.0	3.6	19.5
132	88	Mirror Gp.	131	+4	...	...	...
373	297	News Corp	352†	+3	...	0.3	23.2
228	160	News Intl	228†	+4	...	0.5	15.8
427	354	Pearson	407†	-2	...	3.7	10.1
655	510	Portsmth Sund	650	...	8.6	1.7	16.7
684	618	Reed Int	680†	-2	...	3.1	29.6
146	98	Southnews	142	-4	...	1.3	41.9
130	90	Sterling Pub	116	...	...	2.7	38.3
368	328	Telegraph	351†	+5	11.0	3.9	—
825	715	Thomson Corp	785	...	25.4	4.1	—
347	313	Trinity Ind	342†	+3	9.7	3.2	—
39	34	Unit Groupe	34	...	...	...	—
595	494	Utd Nwspprs	560†	+9	...	4.7	14.2

OILS, GAS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
18½	6½	Aberdeen Pet	15½	...	...	...	...
26½	17	Aran Energy	24	...	...	...	...
52	40	Arcon Intl	46	+1	...	...	...
55	41½	Aus Oil & Gas	55	...	...	...	...
63	36	Aviva Pet	48	-2	...	...	...
14	9	Beverley	10	...	...	0.6	...
183	145	Br Borneo	154†	-3	7.1	5.8	—
336	276	British Gas	309½	-1½	...	5.9	13.4
312½	225	Br Petroleum	301	-3½	10.5	4.4	47.4
1½	1	Bula Resources	1½	...	...	...	...
757	675	Burmah Castrl	738	-5	...	4.4	17.6
51	32	Cairn Energy	46†	+2	...	...	...
268	223	Calor Gp	255	-4	12.0	6.0	—
60½	32½	Clyde Pet	46½	...	...	...	...
35	27	Coplex Res	30	...	...	...	...
13½	10½	Edin Oil & Gas	13½	...	...	...	...
521	397	Enterprise	494†	-5	...	4.0	37.8
88	55	Exp Co Louis	66	-5	...	...	...
26½	18½	Fairhaven Intl	25½	+½	...	...	—
67	45	Goal Pet	55†	-1	1.4	3.2	—
31	18	Gt Western Res	26	...	...	...	...
152	106	Hardy O & G	133	-1	1.0	0.9	41.7
32½	18½	Kelt Energy	29	...	...	...	...
195	141	LASMO	152	-5	3.3	2.7	—
103	63	-do- Units	80†	...	9.4	14.8	...
21	14½	Mid Scot Res	21	-½	...	...	...
49½	34	Monument	45	...	...	...	...
9½	6½	New London	6½	...	...	...	...
33	21	Nth Sea Assets	31†	...	1.0	4.0	10.7
34	27	Oil Search	34	...	...	...	...
14½	12	Petroz	13½	...	...	...	...
110	99	Ptr Pet	103	...	...	...	14.3
30½	19	Premier	25	...	...	...	9.5
80	50	Presidio	80	...	...	7.9	...
368	200	Ranger	290	-10	...	6.0	...
6000	5150	Royal Dutch Fl	5850	...	...	5.5	—
4362½	3600	Schlumberger	4112½	-62½	...	2.0	...
67	47	Seafield	64	-1	...	...	...
605	515	Shell	582	-2	21.9	4.7	—
203	191	Sunrise Eng St	192	+1	...	...	...
10½	4½	Teredo	5½	...	...	...	...
41	25	Triton Europe	25	...	...	...	5.7
9	5½	Vblex Grp	9	...	...	...	...
168	143½	Wordsdale	167½	+6½	...	2.3	...

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1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
302	249	API	292	...	7.5	3.2	25.4
190	146	Arjo Wiggins	187†	...	...	4.4	18.1
495	408	Abbott Mead	490†	...	9.3	2.4	—
1½	½	Acsis Group	1	...	...	...	...
23	15	Aegis Gp	20	...	1.3	8.6	...
212	155	Aspen Comms	193	...	...	3.3	—
10½	7	BBB Designs	10	...	...	...	...
32½	25½	Bemrose	32½†	...	...	4.5	...
33	16	Birvdale	24	...	0.2	1.0	20.3
138	118	Bunzl	125†	-3	4.0	3.9	—
287	259	CIA Gp	264†	-3	...	2.1	—
247	116	Capital Inds	244†	...	3.0	2.0	...
51	44	City of Lon	51	-3	...	8.3	10.7
214	169	Cropper (Jmes)	214	...	3.0	1.6	24.4
9	6	Crown Comn	6#	...	...	...	...
73	51	Delyn Pckgng	66	...	1.4	2.7	13.1
117	94	Dolphin Pack	107	...	4.5	5.4	...
55	42	Dradley Jenkns	50	...	...	...	12.9
14½	12½	Elswick	13½	...	0.2	...	11.4
58	41	Fairway Group	58	...	...	6.8	17.1
296	271	Ferguson Intl	293	...	13.5	5.3	16.9
105	92	Ferry Pick	105	...	7.5	8.9	—
106	74	Flolux	90	...	...	0.6	22.5
14	14	Fitch	14	...	...	...	...
75	69	Gibbon Lyons	75	+1	...	8.2	14.7
705	547	Gold Greenless	726	+1	...	3.8	22.4
41	20	Goodhead	27	+1	0.5	2.3	...
84	43	Hunterprint	60	...	...	...	...
163	156	Interneurope	163	+10	7.4	5.7	10.7
223	191	Jarvis Porter	223	+2	4.4	2.5	21.3
38	15½	Lopex	23	+1	...	...	11.6
271	175	More O'Ferrall	245†	+2	13.2	6.7	—
78	45	NMC Group	70	...	1.2	...	13.8
103	66	Osborne & Little	101	...	4.3	5.4	12.9
302	167	Quarto	301	...	5.2	4.3	10.6
347	319	St Ives Gp	345	...	5.2	1.9	23.5
196	152	Saatchi	172	...	...	...	...
472	333	Sappi	333	-29	...	11.8	6.2
19½	11½	Serif	19½	...	...	...	...
28½	14	Shandwick	21½	...	...	...	...
334	294	Smith David	325	+1	9.5	3.6	14.5
295	252	Smurfit (Jeff)	279	+11	...	0.5	9.6
240	185	Smi-Plus	239	-1	8.0	4.3	—
23	16½	Taylor Nelson	20½	-1	0.3	1.8	—
53	38	VTR	50	...	...	8.5	14.2
65	40	WPP	61	...	...	3.0	...
104	62	Wace	104	+3	3.2	3.7	—
221	202	Waddington (J)	215	...	7.9	4.6	16.2
651	540	Watmough	650†	...	11.5	2.2	25.5
6½	4½	Westport	6½	...	...	...	22.4
19	12	Whitney Mcke	19	...	...	...	...
74	55	Wood (SW)	65	...	0.2	0.5	...

PROPERTY

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
66	41	Allied Lon	62	...	3.5	7.2	52.6
61	55	Arcadian	60	...	...	...	...
67	54	Asda	67	...	2.0	3.7	23.9
121	86	Avonside	113†	...	4.0	4.4	—
2637½	2062½	BCE	2250	-62½	...	...	...
532	396	Bilton	532	+3	18.9	4.6	—
36	23	Bourne End	25	...	1.0	5.0	...
176	150	Bradford	173	...	4.4	3.2	15.7
23	12	Bredero	15	...	...	...	1.4
277	176	Br Land	261	-2	6.3	3.0	24.1
198	153	Brixton	164	-3	8.1	5.5	14.0
57	45	Burford	52†	...	1.1	2.8	—
142	99	Cap & Regnl	139	-2	...	0.9	...
125	120	Cardiff Prop	125	...	2.4	2.4	...
260	196	Chesterfield	260	...	18.5	...	18.3
32	12	City Site Ests	30	...	1.4	...	...
19	12	Clarke Nickolls	16	...	0.3	...	3.9
14	10	Clayform	11	...	...	...	...
1028	918	Daejan	1025	...	25.0	3.0	16.0
3	1½	Dares Estates	2½	...	...	...	...
88	53	Debenham Tewsn	72	...	2.5	4.3	26.2
12	4	De Morgan	6	...	...	...	...
90	76	Dencora	89	...	5.5	7.7	...
423	263	Derwent Hldgs	408	...	8.6	2.7	...
225	170	Estates Agency	200	...	3.0	1.9	15.3
27	7½	Estates Gen	10	...	...	...	...
143	132	Evans Of Leeds	134	...	4.1	3.8	13.2
22	11	Five Oaks	21	...	...	...	...
53	30	Fletcher King	52	...	1.0	2.4	37.6
405	285	Frogmore	386†	...	15.0	4.9	21.8
140	97	Grainger	139	...	5.2	4.7	21.1
170	120	Gt Portland	161	...	10.0	7.8	16.1
14	7½	Greycoat	13½	...	5.2	...	...
125	101	Hk Land	114†	+7	...	5.7	—
64	35	Hambro Cntyw	60	-2	...	...	...
417	277	Hammerson	373	...	20.0	3.4	10.5
382	245	-do- 'A'	338	...	10.9	3.7	16.2
164	127	Helical Bar	160	...	...	3.6	...
25	19	Hemingway	23	...	...	...	...
132	77	Herring Baker	76	...	7.9	[illegible]	...
157	133	Jermyn	125	...	1.7	1.4	...
529	435	Land Sec	526	-1	21.7	5.1	10.3
91	72	Lon Merch Sec	84½	-½	3.5	5.3	14.2
4½	1	Lon & Metro	2½	...	...	...	...
414	324	MEPC	369	+1	21.0	6.4	10.7
6½	5	McInerney A	5	...	...	...	...
110	90	McKay Secs	106	...	6.7	...	17.4
7½	3	Marlheath	4½	...	0.5	...	...
27	12	Merivale Mre	22	+1	1.0	3.4	...
5	5	Merlin Intl	5#	...	...	...	...
35	31	Moorfield E.I	32	...	...	...	...
690	775	Mountview	910	...	15.0	2.5	9.2
139	112	Mucklow (A&J)	135	...	5.2	5.6	18.6
40	30	Olive Hldgs	31	-1	9.0	...	4.7
10½	5½	Ossory Est	7½	...	0.1	2.4	2.3
201	138	Peel	141	...	3.0	2.0	...
16	5	Power Corp	12	...	...	...	1.3
122	96	Prop Security	109	...	5.7	4.3	21.7
39	26	Property Trust	28	...	...	...	...
2	½	Raglan	...	...	...	...	...
16½	11	Regalian	15½	...	1.5	12.1	3.1
7½	7½	Rosehaugh	7½	...	...	...	...
135	115	Rowlinson Secs	115†	...	1.3	1.5	24.5
37	26	St Modwen Prp	32	...	0.6	2.3	24.4
52	39	Savills	49	-2	...	...	...
58	34	Scot Met	52	...	1.5	3.6	...
69	36	Shaftesbury	66	...	...	...	...
14½	5	Shield	12½	...	...	...	...
36	17	Sinclair Gldrm	35#	...	0.5	1.8	...
198	129½	Slough Estates	174†	-11	...	6.0	—
74	56	Southend Prop	71	...	4.1	7.4	35.6
16	7	Speyhawk	11	+½	...	...	...
27	16	Stanhope Prps	26	...	...	...	...
156	114	Tops Ests	152	...	2.0	1.6	36.6
100	79	Town Centre	96†	...	3.1	4.0	17.9
65	43	Trafford Park	65†	...	2.5	5.0	17.5
38	8	UK Land	22	...	...	...	...
9½	4	Union Square	7	...	...	...	...
217	160	Warner	216	...	10.5	6.3	19.1
199	168	Warnford	191	...	7.2	4.7	13.3
6	5½	Waterglade	6½	...	...	...	...
49	35	Wates	41	...	0.7	2.2	...
51	40	Wood John D	50	...	...	...	...

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1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
17	11	Automagic	17	...	...	...	...
116	95	Headlam	116	+1	...	2.9	—
500	330	Lambert	355†	...	13.0	4.2	—
100	80	Pittard Garnar	82†	-1	2.0	3.0	23.4
27	20	Strong & Fisher	22	...	1.0	6.0	5.8
150	99	Stylo	130	...	3.0	3.0	—

TEXTILES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
495	409	Allied Text	470	-1	12.6	3.4	15.1
69	54½	Beckman (A)	56	...	4.7	...	10.9
27	21	Bolton Gp	25	...	...	...	12.7
166	141	Br Mohair	155†	...	8.5	6.9	...
153	89	Cekution	150	...	1.4	1.2	...
20	15	Chamelle	20	...	0.4	2.5	...
345	298	Claremont Ga	322†	+2	7.2	2.6	—
601	551	Courtauld Text	567	-2	13.6	3.0	15.5
53½	24½	Cupid	36	...	...	12.3	4.3
245½	221	Dawson	234	+1	9.0	4.8	22.8
31	22	Drummond	23	...	1.5	...	7.7
37½	27	Dunkeld	27	...	...	...	...
72	66	Faupel	66	...	...	9.0	6.7
34	15	Foster (John)	20	...	0.5	3.1	...
65	42	Gaskell	63	...	4.2	7.1	...
186	156	Hicking Pntcst	166	...	3.4	2.6	14.1
51	45	Jerome (S)	49	...	1.0	...	...
328	269	Lamont	308	...	12.0	5.0	...
425	357½	Leeds	421	...	...	2.2	20.3
42	15	Lister	37	...	0.1	0.2	...
122	102	Lyles (S)	110	...	4.9	5.9	11.7
100	69	Parkland 'A'	96	...	2.0	2.6	...
99½	75	Readicut	91	-½	3.4	4.7	18.1
53	35	SEET	42	...	...	...	...
91	72	Sirdar	65†	...	5.1	7.6	14.9
58	44	Stirling Gp	57	+1	1.6	3.6	23.7
51	43	Stoddard	43	...	2.6	7.6	11.5
310	250	Tomkinsons	301	...	11.5	4.8	26.0
62½	32½	West Trust	45	...	...	...	...
356	252	Yorklyde	355	...	9.7	3.5	16.6

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1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1014½	855	BAT	903†	+3	...	5.1	19.5
690	544½	Rothmans 'B'	622	+1	10.2	2.1	14.2

TRANSPORT

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
408	349	Assoc Br Ports	383	...	8.5	2.8	...
813	738	BAA	790	-3	14.5	2.3	13.9
311	260	Br Airways	284½†	-3½	...	4.7	7.6
81	58	Clarkson (H)	58	...	1.5	3.3	...
23	23	Davies Newman	23#	...	...	...	...
515	332	Eurotunnel Uts	475	...	...	...	...
51	44	Fisher (James)	49†	...	1.0	2.6	13.2
136	126	Graig	130	...	4.5	4.4	...
166	147	IoM Steam	158†	...	...	6.3	8.3
32	24	Jacobs (JI)	28†	...	0.5	2.2	...
69	41	Lon O'Seas Frts	69	...	1.2	2.3	4.2
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349	250	Mersey Docks	327†	-1	7.5	2.9	—
210	161	Natl Express	191	...	...	4.7	...
284	245	NFC	247	-2	6.5	3.3	16.7
302	244	Ocean Group	265	+2	14.3	6.5	—
53	40	Ocean Wilson	49	...	...	6.8	10.6
621	501	P & O Dfd	561†	+11	...	6.8	18.0
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534	446	Powell Duffryn	527	...	22.6	5.4	21.1
138	117	Seacon	130	...	...	4.9	6.2
41	24	TIP Europe	41	-½	1.3	4.3	9.6
43	31½	TNT	41½	+2	...	...	...
765	624	Tibbet & Britn	713	...	11.8	2.1	—
392	325	Tiphook	343	+3	17.3	6.3	6.8
298	259	TDG	267	+1	9.5	4.4	—

WATER

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
553	460	Anglian Water	521	-11	19.3	4.6	9.6
652	547	Northumbrian	642	-6	20.5	4.0	6.6
533	449	North West	517	-8	19.6	4.6	9.1
535	434	Severn Trent	515	-9	19.3	4.7	7.5
554	454	Sthrn Water	536	-10	19.5	4.5	9.5
1325	1225	Sth Staffs	1325	...	40.2	3.6	8.6
569	407	South West	553	-11	21.7	4.9	6.4
563	468	Thames Water	541	-9	19.2	4.4	10.2
612	506	Welsh Water	599	-5	21.4	4.5	6.9
649	536	Wessex Water	633	-5	...	3.8	8.6
593	506	Yorkshire W	576	-9	19.5	4.2	9.1

Source: Finstat

▲ USM # Price at suspension; † Ex dividend; ‡ Ex scrip; † Ex rights issue; ‡ Ex all; § Ex capital distribution; = Figures or report awaited; .. No significant data.

ACCOUNTANCY

Tackling the surplus ACT poser

By David Cruickshank

ON Budget day, the Treasury issued a consultative document with proposals designed to "ease, or even eliminate, surplus advance corporation tax that arises where companies earn a large part of their profits abroad". The implications are not as simple as they first appear.

To start with, the proposals have nothing new to say, beyond the Budget measures on dividend tax, about the ACT problems of companies that maintain dividends during recession when temporarily short of UK profits.

The Treasury does, however, address the specific permanent problem of surplus ACT. "Where foreign profits are relatively large in relation to total profits and the company makes distributions, there may be no realistic prospect of ever setting off some or all of the ACT paid."

To alleviate this, it offers the new idea of paying a foreign income dividend (FID) instead of, or as well as, a normal dividend. If a company pays a FID, it must pay ACT in the usual way. But the company can reclaim ACT at the usual corporation tax date, nine months after its year end, to the extent that it has surplus ACT for the period.

The snag is that a FID does not carry a tax credit for the shareholder, although it has to be grossed up at the new 20 per cent dividend tax rate to calculate the liability of a higher rate taxpayer. This means that pension funds and charities, as well as low-income private shareholders, would not be able to claim tax back as on a normal dividend.

As the consultative document acknowledges: "Because a FID would carry no tax credit, it would be less valuable than an ordinary dividend of the same amount for a shareholder who had no tax liability. A company that paid a FID would, however, benefit from any surplus ACT that became repayable. To the extent that the benefit was used to pay higher dividends, the disadvantage for a shareholder with no tax liability would be reduced or, in some cases, eliminated."

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Payout problems: David Cruickshank sees snags in the foreign income dividend idea

Is this realistic? Touche Ross has made calculations based on simplifying assumptions: that the company pays the full 33 per cent UK corporation tax rate and pays all foreign profits out as FIDs and all domestic profits as normal dividends; that foreign profits come from a single source and all dividends are paid just before a March 31 year end. The effects will also vary according to the proportion of a company's profits coming from abroad and whether they have borne tax at less or more than the UK rate.

In all instances, the effect of the FID scheme on the company is that the total tax burden is equal to the average tax rate on its profits. Wherever surplus ACT arises, the company can reclaim the full amount, and in doing so increase its total dividends (including FIDs). There would, of course, be a financing cost for the delay in repayment, that for some companies will be significant.

If all shareholders were paid a combination of ordinary dividends and FIDs, then exempt pension fund shareholders would always be worse off, except in the extreme case where all a company's profits are earned abroad. Only then could dividends be raised enough to compensate for the loss of tax credits. The reason for this is not difficult to find. Under the FID scheme, while the company can recover surplus ACT, this "gain" is, in all but the extreme cases, outweighed by the loss of tax credit on the foreign income dividend the tax-exempt shareholder receives. The Exchequer, therefore, ends up with more under the FID scheme than it gives away. In reality, most companies will have a range of shareholders with different tax positions. While pension funds and other shareholders not liable to pay dividend tax would be worse off, private shareholders paying basic or higher rate tax would neither gain nor lose from FIDs. Any increase in dividend would therefore be a straight gain for them.

Corporate shareholders might also be no worse off, although the impact on them is more complex. A FID received would be tax-free, just like franked investment income at present. Where the recipient company itself pays on a non-FID, there would be no tax credit to set against the ACT liability. Where the company pays on a FID to its own shareholders, it would not have to pay ACT to the extent that the FID was paid out of FIDs it had received.

But a corporate shareholder could not claim relief for trading or other losses against FID income as it can against normal dividends. Any attempt by a company to start paying FIDs — and it is entirely a matter for the company — could therefore cause dissension among shareholders. Indeed, the consultative document advises listed companies to say well in advance if they are to pay FIDs to lessen any adverse market reaction caused, for instance, by pension funds selling.

The obvious way round this would be for companies to pay FIDs to shareholders who would be no worse off and ordinary dividends to pension funds and others who need a tax credit. Sadly, the government has made it clear that the rules would not allow such streaming of dividends.

Another possibility, not specifically ruled out, would be for a company to split its capital into two classes, one earning FIDs and the other conventional dividends. This could prove attractive, but there are some snags. The FID shares would have a more limited market and would, therefore, tend to trade at a discount unless there were some sweetener such as a modest premium of FID over the conventional dividend. The Stock Exchange also tends to disapprove of different classes of shares, although split capital has been marketed by investment trusts recently.

Finally, the company would need to allow for variations in the proportions of foreign and domestic profits earned in different years, which can be big. In most cases, FID capital might therefore need to be relatively modest.

Aside from UK holding companies of foreign multinationals, which gain from the franked income provision, companies will need to take great care and liaise closely with their shareholders if they are to gain the cash flow benefits of FIDs without upsetting investors.

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Taxing time for those under the volcano

In much the same way that American baseball fans can never understand why the Brits get so her up over cricket, the rest of the world, if it noticed, must find the extraordinary spat over tax exams inexplicable.

The dispute between the fledgeling tax faculty of the English ICA and the venerable Institute of Taxation, had gone ominously quiet recently. Honours seemed about even. The IoT, which has been providing a tax qualification and a haven for tax experts from all walks of life for 50 years, was getting on with its normal business. It had woken up its examining side somewhat and was reassessing such worthy points as its syllabus. But by and large its efforts at providing a forum and using informal talks to make sure the Inland Revenue understood something of what was going on outside were working well.

Meanwhile, at the English ICA, its recently created tax faculty was celebrating its 7,000th member and arguing that its consultation efforts could, with a little leaning here and there, show that some sort of examination to admit people as fellows of the faculty was generally supported. This is what created the hostility. If the IoT already offers exams why bother setting up another system? The faculty says it needs to keep everything in the chartered accountants' organisation. The IoT says it has been the natural tax qualification for lawyers, accountants and anybody else for years. Big audit firms encourage their staff to take the IoT exams and mostly have been opposed to the faculty's exam ideas. The row died down. Perhaps, thought keen tax practitioners, reason would prevail, they would get together, end their differences, and produce joint exams.



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Then Peter Wyman of Coopers & Lybrand, chairman of the faculty, talked to *Accountancy*, ICAEW's official journal. There was evidence of organised opposition from the IoT, he said. The news story hit the streets. The rest of us did not lose any sleep. And then suddenly a press release came screaming out of the IoT headed *Conflict in the Tax Profession*. "Taxation experts are at odds over which of the British professional institutes should be recognised as the leading taxation body," it said. "A fundamental difference has surfaced between the IoT, whose mainly lawyer and accountant members are regarded as the ultimate gurus on taxation, and the tax faculty of the English ICA." Surfaced is probably the wrong word. In the quiet cloisters of the tax world the row is more akin to underwater volcanoes erupting. But equally, all we are likely to get is an initial tidal wave and then a covering of dust.

Wyman reacted to the press release by saying that there was orchestrated opposition but it was all coming from Jennifer Ainsworth of Moores Rowland, the president of the IoT. At this point he was also putting the finishing touches to the faculty's annual report where everything was, of course, sweetness and light.

"Despite attempts in some quarters of the press to create friction," the report said, "working relationships on technical matters with the IoT in particular, have been excellent, and from time to time the two bodies make joint submissions to government." Wyman himself, post-press release, was less emollient. "Most regrettable," he said. "A growing minority of our members are saying 'we're blowed if we're going to co-operate with them'." It was then back to Ainsworth who said the institute should listen to its district societies. Many of these are deeply opposed to the faculty and are quite happy with being members of the IoT. But when they responded, saying precisely that to the faculty, they were surprised to find that, in the final statistics, they were credited with one vote against rather than the total of their members. No wonder, suggest dissidents, the faculty's counting of responses came out in favour of its plans. Should all this nonsense be taken seriously? Unfortunately it has become caught up in wider plans. The obvious point would be for the two bodies to get together and co-operate. But they differ on one point. In joint exams the IoT would want those passing to join both it and the faculty. The faculty would want people passing to join only the faculty.

The real point is how far the ICAEW wants all faculties to start examining. If it does, then faculties would gradually become the overall method of qualifying for the profession. And the IoT could have no place in that. But in the meantime they need to get together. Ainsworth says they have a meeting fixed for May. Wyman says they have not. If the BBC wants a replacement for *Eldorado* it could do worse than look to the tax profession.

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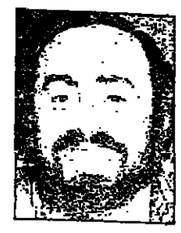
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During a heated moment on the set — there were many, apparently — Dustin Hoffman yelled to his disgruntled director, "Hey, Frears! If you didn't have us, you'd be making small films in Brighton!" **Accidental Hero** is certainly Stephen Frears's biggest film to date, if you judge size by budget, production values, and the glare cast by Hollywood stars. In essence, the film (known simply as *Hero* in the United States) aims for a modern equivalent of Preston Sturges's madcap comedies of the Forties. The satire comes with a few serious twinges: the topics, straight out of Sturges's repertoire, include media manipulation, the cult of the hero, and the plight of society's underdogs.

When David Webb Peoples's script plopped onto the Frears doormat, it must have appeared a tempting prospect. Frears has always been good at cynical, humorous stories with jagged edges: and this comic epic about a small-time criminal who helps plane crash victims escape the wreckage only to see another low-life take the credit arrived ready-made with withering one-liners, jolting surprises and a low opinion of human motives. "Major award!" one television cameraman chirrups, while the plane becomes engulfed by flames. As for Bernie LaPlante, the scowling loser who saves 54 people from Flight 104 then disappears in the driving rain, he shows his spurs on his first appearance, robbing the defence lawyer's purse in court as she pleads with the judge.

Yet for all its obvious attractions, *Accidental Hero* never comes to heel. Hoffman himself plays a key part in the film's disarray. As Bernie LaPlante, a milder variant of Ratso Rizzo from *Midnight Cowboy*, he speaks lines in a Brando-esque mumble, the mouth scarcely open: audiences need to keep their ears cocked to understand what he says. He grimaces constantly. His left shoulder slopes as he shuffles along. But the end result of Hoffman's earnest tricks is a character far more unsavoury than comic, and something of a bore to boot.

Hoffman's co-stars are Geena Davis, as the newscaster and plane passenger who spearheads the hunt for the mystery "angel of Flight 104", and Andy Garcia, the imposter who claims the title and basks in the public's adulation. The sharp-eyed Davis finds the appropriate satirical tone: "It's my story. I did the research!" she yells, bundled, injured, into an ambulance after the Chicago-bound plane crashes in front of Hoffman's car on a rainswept bridge. Garcia, though, is hamstrung by script defects: arriving late in the story, his character of Vietnam vet turned drifter proves too vague and improbable to make a clear impression.

Satire needs hard outlines and a fast pace: when he made *Hail the Conquering Hero*, his own satire on hero worship, Preston Sturges achieved a brilliant live-action cartoon. But Frears, usually such an athletic director, appears weighed down by the film's dimensions, and the need to accommodate Hollywood paraphernalia such as special effects and oversized egos. The climactic scene, a suicide bid on a building ledge, is particularly flabby: we long for someone to jump, just to hasten the end credits.

> 'The end result of Hoffman's tricks is more unsavoury than comic: a bore'

According to Peter Biskind in *Premiere* magazine, Frears replied to Hoffman's on-set taunt that he would be very happy making "small films in Brighton". He probably did not mean it: having done them wonderfully for 20 years, the director of Alan Bennett's early television plays and *My Beautiful Laundrette* deserves a larger canvas. But as his first American venture *The Grifters* proved, creative control over a Hollywood studio picture does not come easily. Frears is still learning.

"Would you describe yourself as a dominatrix?" the defence attorney asks his charge. A silly question: she is only Madonna, the woman who can summon the world's attention with the flick of a shoulder strap. At first glance, **Body Of Evidence** may appear an unlikely vehicle. As a chic gallery owner in Portland, Oregon, accused of murdering an aging moneybags with a bad heart, she sits in court, a platinum blonde in demure black, while the ritual that sustained over 200 episodes of *Perry Mason* unfolds around her. She does not sing once.

Outside the courtroom, though, matters are different. Arrested for using her body as a murder weapon — the victim expired during a strenuous encounter between the sheets — she soon initiates Willem Dafoe, her lawyer, into the art of adventurous lovemaking. A court session over, they bed down on a bonnet in the rooftop car park. Spilled candle wax and a smashed lightbulb come into play. In sexual matters, she tells Dafoe, "we're animals".

This is silly, sleazy tosh: a failed attempt to package the same sexual thrills that made such a reprehensible hit of *Basic Instinct*. But where Paul Verhoeven's film had the slim virtue of cinematic audacity, émigré German director Uli Edel, known for gritty movies such as *Christiane F.* and *Last Exit to Brooklyn*, never attempts anything unusual. If he wants to disappear into the Hollywood mainstream, he is going the right way about it.

Dafoe does his best, poor chap. As for Madonna, she can look predatory and toss off rude words with a flourish, but still makes a poor *femme fatale*: the crucial air of mystery is lacking. Elsewhere, Anne Archer, cast as the dead man's secretary, wanders round this dismal movie looking extremely pained. Quite understandable.

Matters scarcely improve with Richard Stanley's **Dust Devil**, a pretentious mish-mash best left for indulgent late-night audiences to enjoy. Stanley, born in South Africa but based in Britain, has an exuberant but magpie mind: this tiresome successor to the futuristic *Hardware* filches generously from Sergio Leone's spaghetti westerns and the horror romps of Dario Argento.

To make matters merrier, Stanley injects a political sub-text (the story is set in Namibia's desert in the days before independence). And as Robert Burke's tall, smiling Dust Devil stalks the wasteland, reducing his victims to charred corpses and hacked limbs, can you spot the echoes of T.S. Eliot? "Huge chunks of *The Hollow Men* kept burning in my mind when I wrote it," the director claims.

Stanley, in his twenties, cut his teeth on pop promos and is expert at dazzling in short sharp bursts. A coherent feature, however, appears still some way off.

Oh well. There is always the past for consolation. This week the Museum of London, on London Wall, EC2 (071-600 3699), begins its 25th **Made in London** film season. The event's chief sponsor of the past ten years, Nomura International, has regretfully pulled out, but ways must be found to ensure the survival of these early evening raids on the National Film and Television Archive's treasures.

Where else in town can you find such a cross-section of British cinema? The silent adventures of Ellie Norwood's Sherlock Holmes (praised by Conan Doyle himself) jostle next to Will Hay, Hulbert and Courtneidge, Alastair Sim and Stanley Lupino. Films unseen for 50 years raise their heads next to popular classics rescued from television's miniature screens. Tonight is the turn of Sidney Gilliat's *The Rake's Progress*, which gave Rex Harrison possibly his best screen role as the playboy who lives out the Thirties in a dissolute whirlwind but finds a haven in the second world war. The season continues, every Tuesday and Thursday, until July 8.



Imposter Andy Garcia holds the real hero, Dustin Hoffman, above a drop in *Accidental Hero*

ARTS BRIEFING

EC riders take the highway

SETTING up a cross-Channel arts festival may seem like tempting fate in the present political climate, but "Music & Remparts" will apparently be taking place between May 28 and June 13 in Boulogne, Folkestone, Dover and Canterbury, with the participation of the likes of Sir Yehudi Menuhin, Evelyn Glennie and the young French violinist Marie Scheublé (joint winner of first prize in the 1992 Yehudi Menuhin International Competition, in Paris). One can only hope that the now almost ferry-less Boulogne and Folkestone will be able to attract the paying public.

Fate can only be further tempted, however, by the intended arrangements for the press launch of the festival, on Monday. An open-top bus will collect the French journalists from Dover Eastern Docks and drive via Dover itself and Folkestone to collect their British colleagues, before setting off for a public house at Kingston, near Canterbury. En route, the bus will be held up at gunpoint by a "highwayman", who will lead them to the inn, where lunch and full information will be offered. What price disgruntled anti-marketeers hijacking this hijack and taking the assembled hacks instead to a protest meeting about the Channel Tunnel Link, or some matter of more urgent local concern?

Ring ahead

THE Châtelet, "musical theatre of Paris" as it calls itself, goes on throwing down challenges to the Paris Opéra. It has announced five cycles of Wagner's *Ring*, between June and November 1994. This will be a new production by Pierre Strosser, with Jeffrey Tate conducting the Orchestre National de France. Wotan will be sung by Robert Hale, Siegfried by Heinz Kruse and Brünnhilde by Gabriele Schnaut. Subscriptions can now be taken out, and paid in three or four instalments over a year. Details from the Théâtre du Châtelet, 2 rue Edouard Colonne, 75001 Paris (40 28 28 00).

● AN INVITATION-ONLY 25th anniversary screening of the Beatles-based *Yellow Submarine* will be one of the highlights of British Animation Week, to take place at the Institute of Contemporary Arts, the Odeon Haymarket and the Museum of the Moving Image from April 30 to May 6. However, the emphasis of the programming will be on the commissioning which Channel 4 has undertaken since coming on air in 1982, from *Viz* comic spin-offs *Billy the Fish* and *Roger Mellie*, to such esoteric efforts as Simon Pummell's *Secret Joy of Falling Angels*.

Last chance . . .

AT THE Brecon Festival last summer the American guitar virtuoso Pat Metheny abandoned soft-focus jazz fusion in favour of caustic improvisational exchanges. On his latest album, *Secret Story*, Metheny has shifted back towards the formula which has won him a worldwide following of rock-star proportions. Leading a new nine-piece band, he concludes his British tour at the Hammersmith Apollo, London (081-741 4868) tonight and tomorrow.

Faithful to the house, but not to the collector

Andrew Gibbon Williams on the story behind Paxton House, Berwick-upon-Tweed, where the National Galleries of Scotland have reopened a Victorian private gallery

The National Galleries of Scotland have come up with an ingenious solution to the problem of all those treasures lurking in the basements of our museums. At Paxton House near Berwick-upon-Tweed they have joined forces with the trust responsible for the ancestral home of the Home-Robertson family and restored the 19th-century picture gallery attached to the earlier building. The room is the only purpose-built art gallery remaining in a Scottish country house and in it the National Galleries have installed an appropriate collection.

Appropriate, however, is a debatable term in this context, since the story of Paxton's art collection and gallery is rather more complex than the National Galleries' superficial publicity would lead one to believe.

Paxton's original collection was formed by Patrick Home, who commissioned the neo-Palladian pile from Robert Adam's less well-known brothers in the 1750s. Like many another well-heeled Scot of his generation, Home took on the obligatory Grand Tour with gusto, leaving Scotland in 1752 and spending many years on the Continent. Collecting was always high on any Grand Tourist's agenda, but Home appears to have indulged himself more than was usual; 150 or so pictures, including works by Vasari, Carlo Dolci and Correggio, eventually found their way to the Scottish Borders.

It seems, however, that for some reason the energetic collector never quite got around to displaying his spoils properly, and that many of his pictures were still in store at the time of his death in 1808. In 1811 the Edinburgh architect, Robert Reid, Master of the King's Works in Scotland, was commissioned to design Paxton's magnificent picture gallery. By the time of Waterloo the simple, noble space with its coffered ceiling, screens of Ionic columns at either end and furniture by Edinburgh's William Trotter was in place.

Following the advice of the portrait painter, Henry Raeburn, and the precedent set by Soane's Dulwich College Picture Gallery, that at Paxton was top-lit, a revolutionary idea at the time. Sadly, however, over the next 180 years, Reid's decorative scheme vanished, the gallery was converted into a chapel and Home's collection was dispersed.

Here, one has to say that the alliance of the National Galleries of Scotland, the Paxton Trust and the Scottish Conservation Bureau has been guilty of a sleight-of-hand in terms of authentic restoration. For, rather than going back to the original, the easier option of re-creating Paxton's picture gallery as it was after a refurbishment in the 1870s was taken.

What this means is that instead of Reid's imitation stone effect covering his "strong and massy" mouldings and the ceiling, there is a great deal of faux-marbling, stencilling and gilding. The dado, absent from Reid's original design, is a jazzy band stretching around the room, and a luxurious claret-coloured carpet with a banana-leaf pattern (the Home family's wealth was based on estates in the Caribbean) has been replaced. Admittedly, Trotter's fine, original Greek Revival furniture is back in place, but the general impression is heavy: a typically late-Victorian interior of which there are still many scattered throughout Britain's great houses.

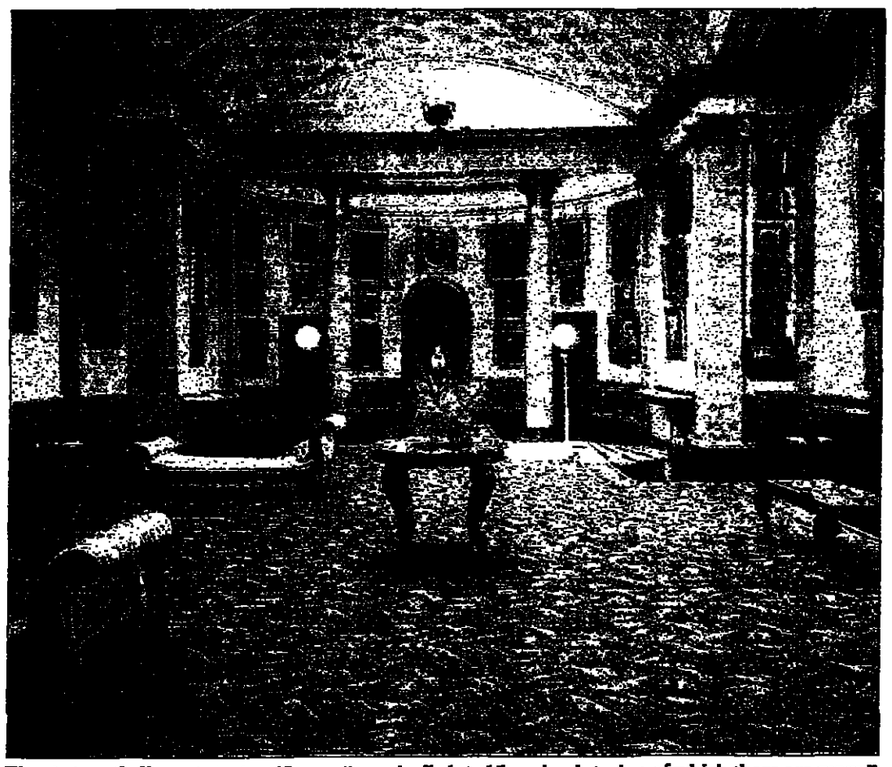
The reason given for having taken this path rather than the more difficult one of faithfully re-creating Reid's scheme is that, since the rest of the house was also redecorated in the 1870s, the picture gallery's original interior would have been out of keeping with it. This argument, however, simply does not hold water: Paxton's other fine rooms are painted the pastel shades favoured by Robert Adam and are rich in stucco work based upon his designs. The contrast could not be more striking.

Turning to the picture collection itself, here the National Galleries of Scotland have succeeded wonderfully in assembling a collection of the type which, by the 1880s, might have accumulated around the core of one similar to that made by Patrick Home.

Only one work known to have been in his original hoard has been retrieved: a copy after a celebrated altarpiece by Correggio painted by the Florentine baroque artist Gabbiani. But there are many fine original Dutch paintings (an exquisite marriage portrait by Pieter Nason over the mantel) and several amusing copies of Renaissance pictures of the kind it is known Home was fond of commissioning.

These all look very comfortable, yet it is quite certain that not only would Patrick Home have been amazed by the architecture of Reid's addition to his house, but that Robert Reid would have been shocked by its present decoration.

● *The Picture Gallery at Paxton House, Berwick-Upon-Tweed, Berwickshire, is open daily from noon to 5pm until October 31. Admission and tour £3.50, children £1.75 (0289 86291)*



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THE LONDON PHILHARMONIC The LPO's "Alternative Vienna" series aims to show that the Austrian capital *continues to build on its great musical* tradition. Tonight's concert combines the Symphony No 9 by Mahler, whom the LPO's music director, Franz Welser-Möst, sees as the key figure in Viennese music, with the Violin Concerto by Kurt Schwertsik, one of the series's featured contemporary composers.
Festival Hall, South Bank, SE1 (071-928 8800), 7.30pm

AS YOU LIKE IT Kate Buffery and Peter de Jersey find love under the greenwood tree in David Thacker's spirited revival
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Previews from tonight, 7.15pm, opens Wed, 7pm

THE SOLOMON TRIO Violinist Rodney Friend, cellist Tim Hugh and pianist Yonty Solomon perform trios by Beethoven, Rachmaninov and Schubert
Wigmore Hall, Wigmore Street, W1 (071-935 2141), 7.30pm

DOCKLANDS SINFONIETTA The *Sinfonietta performs a series of concerts* in the historic churches of the Docklands, tonight in Hawksmoor's All Saints Church. The programme includes music by Bach, Malcolm Arnold, Paul Patterson and Haydn.
All Saints, Newby Place, E14 (information: 071-924 5813), 7.30pm

ARC DANCE COMPANY: After eight years of quietly slogging away, this contemporary dance troupe makes its Sadler's Wells debut this month with its latest offering. Anne Kim Brandstrup's dancework is based on Shakespeare's *Hamlet*, focusing on the crucial relationship between the Prince of Denmark and his dead father. Strong visuals by Craig Givens.
Sadler's Wells Theatre, Rosebery Avenue, EC1 (071-278 8916), tonight-Sat, 7.30pm

TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Heather Alston

THE TREATMENT Jacqueline Defferary plays the distressed wife in Martin Crimp's new play who comes to mistrust the couple (Sheila Gish, Larry Pine) who want to film her story
Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745). Previews from tonight, 8pm; opens April 20, 8pm.

LION IN THE STREETS Julie Legrand, Sonia Ritter, Kerry Shale are among the cast of this play by Judith Thompson (author of *The Crackwalker*) where the ghost of a murdered girl searches for her killer through Toronto
Hampstead, Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (071-722 9301). Previews from tonight, 8pm, opens Mon, 7pm

HOCKNEY ON GRIMM In the 1960s David Hockney made three important series of etchings, *A Rake's Progress 1961-63, The Cavafy illustrations (1966)* and his illustrations for *Grimm's Fairytales (1969)*. The new South Bank Centre touring exhibition concentrates on his bizarre reflections on the Brothers Grimm's ruthless fairy-tale world. After the London showing it will go all over Britain during the next two years
Festival Hall (Level 5 Foyer), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 3002). Daily, 10am-10.30pm, until May 9.

REGIONAL

LEEDS Rosalind Plowright, in concert with the English Northern Philharmonia, sings Italian arias including the "Willow Song" and "Ave Maria" from Verdi's *Otello*, Giulia's scena from Act 2 of Spontini's *La Vestale*, "L'altra notte" from Boito's *Mefistofele* and Imogene's final scene from Bellini's *Il Pirata*. Opera North's Paul Daniel conducts.
Grand Theatre, 46 New Briggate (0532 459351/440971), 7.15pm

OXFORD The two contemporary dance companies, the all-female **Cholmondeleys** and the male **Featherstonehaughs** collaborate again to present *Precious* by choreographer Lea Anderson. Taking the idea of the Philosopher's Stone, turning base metal into gold, the dancers explore the quest for fulfilment of desires.
Playhouse Theatre, 11-12 Beaumont Street (0865 798600), 7.30pm.

BOLTON After the grim menu of *Titus Andronicus* the Octagon serves Brazil nuts. Brandon Thomas's evergreen farce *Charley's Aunt*
Octagon, Howell Croft South (0204 20661). Preview tonight, 7.30pm; opens tomorrow, 7.30pm, then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, 2pm, Sat, 2pm

CRAWLEY Richard Stilgoe and Peter Skellern continue their tour entitled *Upright and Grand*
Hawth, Hawth Avenue (0293 553636), 7.30pm.

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◪ Some seats available
□ Seats at all prices

□ **CHATSKY** Colin Firth dishes out the spleen as the hero of Griboyedov's bitter comedy. Clever staging of Anthony Burgess's translation though the play hardly lives up to its Russian *reputation as a major classic*
Almeida, Almeida Street, N1 (071-359 4404). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 140mins

◪ **CITY OF ANGELS** Top quality Larry Gelbart/Cy Coleman musical, packed with wit, set in LA and the world of the private eye movie
Prince of Wales, Coventry Street, W1 (071-839 5972). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 180mins

■ **CRAZY FOR YOU** Thrillingly staged new version of the Gershwin musical *Girl Crazy*. Exceptional entertainment value.
Prince Edward, Old Compton Street, W1 (071-734 8951). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 3pm. 150mins

□ **CYRANO DE BERGERAC** Robert Lindsay looks handsome as the nasally challenged hero but the production is too bustling to give enough room for the full poignancy of his fate
Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm. 180mins

□ **THE DEEP BLUE SEA** Penelope *Wilton the victim of unrequited love in* Rattigan's well-staged but so old-fashioned drama
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5070). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 140mins

□ **THE GAME OF LOVE AND CHANCE** Energetic version of Marivaux's role-swapping comedy, mistakenly played for farce
National (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm. 140mins

□ **THE GIFT OF THE GORGON** Blazing performance by Judi Dench in combat with Michael Pennington in Peter Shaffer's RSC success tackling the themes of justice and vengeance
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat, 3pm. 160mins.

□ **THE HOUSE OF YES** Unrelieved black comedy, mixing up incestuous family house life obsessed with the death of Kennedy
Gate, 11 Pembridge Road, W11 (071-229 0706). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm. 85mins

□ ***THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST*** Maggie Smith commands the brittle world of lost handbags in this elegant revival. With Alex Jennings, Richard E. Grant, Margaret Tyzack.
Aldwych, The Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm

□ **THE INVISIBLE MAN** Not so cosy a venue as its birthplace in Stratford East but the show is as jolly as ever. Paul Kieve's magic tricks are amazing
Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 150mins

◪ **KISS OF THE SPIDER WOMAN** Tremendously classy production of the Kander & Ebb musical, based on Manuel Puig's novel. A new cast takes over led by Bebe Neuwirth.
Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 160mins

□ **THE LAST YANKEE** Subtle and touching Arthur Miller premiere. Margot Leicester, Peter Davison lead a quartet of middle-aged Americans troubled by material success
Young Vic, 66 The Cut, SE1 (071-928 6363). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 75mins

□ **LOST IN YONKERS** Terrific performance by Rosemary Harris in a Neil Simon comedy more weighty than usual. Maureen Lipman gives good value as a loopy aunt
Strand, Aldwych, WC2 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 160mins.

■ **MACBETH** An idiosyncratic performance by Alan Howard in Richard Eyre's murky production
National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight-Sat, 7.15pm, mat Sat, 2pm

◪ **MISERY** Julie T. Wallace and Nigel Le Vaillant in nonsensical but chilling production of Stephen King's thriller.
Criterion, Piccadilly Circus, W1 (071-839 4488). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 150mins

□ **NO MAN'S LAND:** Paul Eddington and the author in tense, sharply comic Pinter. Riveting stuff.
Comedy, Panton Street, W1 (071-867 1045). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 130mins

□ **ON THE PISTE** John Godber's slight but amusing look at partner trouble in a downmarket ski resort.
Garrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-494 5085). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 135mins

◪ **PLAYLAND** Athol Fugard's two-hander: white man and black man, *loitering outside a fairground, haul up* their past and hint at the future. Builds to an eloquent climax.
Donmar Warehouse, Earlham Street, WC2 (071-867 1150). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 90mins. Last week

□ **TRAVELS WITH MY AUNT** John Wells, William Gaunt, Richard Kane and Christopher Gee play all 26 parts in Giles Havergal's cunning adaptation of Graham Greene's novel.
Whitehall, Whitehall, SW1 (071-867 1119). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.15pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 140mins.

LONG RUNNERS ◪ **Blood Brothers** Phoenix (071-867 1044). ◪ **Buddy** Victoria Palace (071-834 1317). ■ **Cats** New London (071-405 0072). □ **Don't Dress for Dinner** Duchess (071-494 5070). □ **Five Guys Named Moe** Lyric (071-494 5045). □ **Hay Fever** Albery (071-867 1115). □ **An Ideal Husband** Globe (071-494 5065). ◪ **It Runs in the Family** Playhouse (071-839 4401). □ **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat** Palladium (071-494 5037). ■ **Les Misérables** Palace (071-434 0909). ◪ **Miss Saigon** Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-494 5400). □ **The Mousetrap** St Martin's (071-836 1443). ■ **The Phantom of the Opera** Her Majesty's (071-494 5400). ◪ **Starlight Express** Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665). ◪ **The Woman in Black** Fortune (071-836 2238)

Ticket information supplied by Society of West End Theatre

NEW RELEASES

BEST OF THE BEST 2 (18): Karate teacher Eric Roberts avenges his pal's death. Brutal, degenerate action adventure. With Phillip Rhee, Ralf Moeller, Wayne Newton. Director Robert Radler.
MGM Haymarket (071-839 1527)

◆ **LEAP OF FAITH** (PG): Steve Martin's evangelical conman finds his match in drought-stricken Texas. Hard-going drama with Debra Winger, Liam Neeson. Director, Richard Pearce.
MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Plaza** (071-437 1234/497 9999) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

◆ **ONE FALSE MOVE** (15): Excellent rural film noir from director Carl Franklin. Bill Paxton as the Arkansas sheriff faced with two fleeing drug dealers and a tantalising moll. With Cynda Williams, Billy Bob Thornton.
Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Metro** (071-437 0757) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **Screen on the Green** (071-226 3520)

THE OX (12): A stark family tragedy from 1860s Sweden, beautifully recounted by director Sven Nykvist. Stellan Skarsgård and Ewa Fröling as the luckless couple who kill their neighbour's ox.
Chelsea (071-351 3742/3743) **Renoir** (071-837 8402)

PARIS IS BURNING: Jennie Livingston's half-sad, half-exhilarating documentary about Harlem's drag balls of the late Eighties.
ICA (071-930 3647)

CURRENT

◆ **THE CRYING GAME** (18): IRA gunman becomes obsessed with a hostage's girlfriend. Bold, powerful Neil Jordan film that falters at the close. Stars Stephen Rea, Forest Whitaker, Jaye Davidson, Miranda Richardson.
Plaza (071-437 1234/497 9999) **Renoir** (071-837 8402)

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

INDOCHINE (12): Love in a hot *climate. A trite plot, but Catherine* Deneuve and gorgeous images carry the day. Director, Regis Wargnier.
Curzon West End (071-439 4805) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666)

◆ **THE JUNGLE BOOK** (U): Disney's most endearing cartoon of the Sixties: witty, tuneful, with a wonderful line-up of jungle characters inspired by Kipling.
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **MGM Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Marble Arch** (0426 914501) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

ORLANDO (PG): Virginia Woolf's exuberant novel about a free spirit (Tilda Swinton) who lives for 400 years, changing sex en route, filmed with great aplomb by British director Sally Potter.
Barbican (071-638 8891) **Gate** (071-727 4043) **Lumiere** (071-836 0691) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Screen on the Hill** (071-435 3366)

THE QUINCE TREE SUN (U): Spanish artist Antonio López strives to capture a quince tree on canvas. Victor Erice's magical meditation on art and nature.
Renoir (071-837 8402)

◆ **SCENT OF A WOMAN** (15): A blind army veteran visits New York with a prep school pup. Far too long, with a barnstorming star (Al Pacino) and just a few sparks of magic. With Chris O'Donnell, director, Martin Brest.
Empire (071-437 1234/497 9999) **MGM Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

THE SILENT TOUCH (15): Music student Lothaire Bluteau helps rejuvenate crusty composer Max von Sydow. Fetching comic fable about music and love's regenerative powers from Krzysztof Zanussi.
Curzon Mayfair (071-465 8865).

◆ **SPLITTING HEIRS** (12): Eric Idle seeks to retrieve his dukedom from American usurper Rick Moranis. Lamentable British comedy; with Barbara Hershey, Catherine Zeta Jones. Director, Robert Young.
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Benedict Nightingale enjoys the premiere of Tom Stoppard's new play at the National

Ideas meet their comic match

Arcadia
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Bill Nighy as Bernard Nightingale, Felicity Kendal as Hannah Jarvis, Emma Fielding as Thomasina Coverly, and Rufus Sewell as Septimus Hodge in Tom Stoppard's *Arcadia*. Drawing by Bill Hewison

THIS is Tom Stoppard's first stage play since the quark-and-dagger comedy *Hapgood* in 1988, and it may sound even more daunting to those not of scientific bent. *Hapgood* involved quantum theory, Heisenberg's uncertainty principle, and the world of double agents, and left the impression of a novel by Le Carré rewritten by Stephen Hawking in collaboration with Groucho Marx. *Arcadia*'s subjects vary from Newton to Byron, iterated algorithms to landscape gardens; and its creative team would seem to include the founding fathers of chaos theory and Oscar Wilde.

But don't be intimidated. Stoppard makes plenty of concessions to those of us who do not carry computers above our necks. Trevor Nunn's lucid production opens with a joke that left Tuesday's audience chortling — "Septimus, what is carnal embrace?" "The practice of throwing one's arms round a side of beef" — and seldom relaxes its comic grip or its narrative tension. Any man on the Clapham omnibus reading this review should instantly hijack the vehicle and drive it to the National's box office.

The carnal questioner is the precocious Thomasina Coverly (Emma Fielding), Septimus (Rufus Sewell) is her tutor, and the two of them are launched on a maths lesson in her family's ancestral home, Sidley Park. The time is 1809, but not just 1809. Mark Thompson's set, a great, curved room with country estate undulating beyond, remains unchanged while the action cuts to the 1990s and the characters become later Coverlys and later scholars. In successive scenes — and, in the last act, simultaneous ones — we watch a don called Bernard Nightingale (Bill Nighy) in hot pursuit of "the discovery of the century", a sensational explanation for Byron's hasty exit from England in 1809.

This is terrific fun, because (like so many of that name) B. Nightingale gets everything spectacularly wrong. Let me not reveal too much of a play always pulling slyly satisfactory surprises; but his theory is that Byron killed in a duel at Sidley Park a poet whose wife he had bedded. But we can descry the facts of the case, which are funnier in both senses of the word.

Stoppard has always delighted in arcane analogies and incongruous congruities; and there are lots of those here. Everywhere Newtonian order is breaking down: in scholarship, where illogic rules; in Sidley Park's grounds, where one Culpability Noakes is reducing Capability Brown's classical elegance to romantic muddle; in human relationships, where "the action of bodies in heat", alias sex, is causing chaos; and, not least, in maths. Thomasina doodles, but she doodles the second law of thermodynamics, among other subversive things.

The play is Stoppard's tribute to the complexity, unpredictability and inscrutability of the world — pet themes since *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead* — and he pays it with style and cunning. Structurally, *Arcadia* is brilliant. A reference to a rice pudding or the glimpse of a tortoise turns out to have unlooked-for significance half an evening later. And if some of the patterns and parallels are a bit forced, the piece comes as close as any to fulfilling his creative aim, "the perfect marriage of ideas and high comedy". Our intellectual author has even concocted a touching ending which, again, I'd better not disclose.

Apart from Fielding, Sewell and Nighy (less Nightingale than predatory popinjay) Nunn's cast includes Harriet Walter as Thomasina's mother, a Lady Bracknell with sex appeal, and Felicity Kendal, all brusque charm as Bernard's cannier rival. If only they were not doomed to inhabit a theatre where finely tuned lines have to be bawled out, like Satie in Wembley Stadium. But it would be greedy to expect everything.

CONCERTS: *A neglected Mass by Ethel Smyth; contemporary Chinese music and Dvořák from the NYPO*



Smyth: not a musical progressive, but none the worse for that

Woman of spirit and substance

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APART from the rather significant fact that she was a woman, Dame Ethel Smyth, on the evidence of what little music of hers I have so far heard, cannot be counted an artistic progressive. She is emphatically no worse a composer for that. Last week, in the second concert of this mini-festival of music by women, I was impressed enough by her Four Songs of 1908. With this Mass in D, composed early in her career, in 1891, Smyth showed that she was capable of aiming at the same spiritual planes as those to which Beethoven aspired with his own Mass in D, the Missa Solemnis.

The opening of the Mass is deceptively ordinary — an idea imitated slavishly by each line of the chorus. But Smyth quickly dispels suspicions that the work is merely going to do its duty by swiftly building into a Verdi-like texture. With the Credo it more definitively states its affinity with Beethoven, the music erupting in a manner recalling the Gloria of the earlier work.

Sometimes Smyth's word setting seemed perverse, because she reacted to the text as she thought fit, and to hell with the rest of them. At "Et iterum venturus est" in the Credo, for example, she introduces tenors and basses quietly, slowly and solemnly before allowing the expected final fugue, with a subject that sounds as though it were upside-down, to heat the movement to melting point. The effect is refreshing.

And then there is her marvellous orchestration. She might over-use the snare drum, but the texture she invents for the beginning of the Sanctus, for instance, where solo contralto — here the ripe-voiced Tamsin Dives — is accompanied by horns, bassoons, contrabassoon, low trumpet and tuba, is wonderfully original.

Generally, Smyth's solo vocal writing is both demanding and gratifying, with an unexpectedly Italianate flavour to it. Richard Edgar-Wilson laid down some impressively heroic credentials with his singing of the tenor's agonised Agnus Dei, while both the soprano Teresa Cahill and the bass Henry Herford delivered their lines equally authoritatively. The tenacious Pro Musica Chorus, hampered only by rather weak tenors, contributed much to the impact, and the European Women's Orchestra, fielding a strong team (though the strings might have been more full-bodied) was conducted by Odaline de la Martinez with verve and understanding.

STEPHEN PETTITT

New world revolutions

NYPO/Masur
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WHEN the Chinese underwent their tragically misnamed "Cultural Revolution", a whole generation lost contact with music of the mainstream Western tradition. Bach, Beethoven and Schubert were forbidden composers. Chinese musicians have since made rapid strides in assimilating the idiom of Western music of the Classical and Romantic periods, but in that dark decade they also lost out on advances in contemporary music.

The composer Bright Sheng had been in the United States only five years when, in 1987, he wrote his *H'un (Lacerations): in Memorium 1966-1976*, performed by the New York Philharmonic in the second of its South Bank programmes under its music director, Kurt Masur.

As a lament for the years of terror and waste, *H'un* is a poignant, potent statement with a section of sustained brutality followed by one of quiet but heart-felt suffering. The shrieking horns and clamorous percussion of the first section are matched by the equally unsettling, albeit less violent sonorities of the second.

Yet Sheng's piece is also emblematic of the Cultural Revolution in a less positive sense. Its sonorities and gestures lack a coherent language. The music has an undeniable immediacy, but it is generated by programmatic content rather than inner compulsion.

With Dvořák's "New World" Symphony the New Yorkers offered more traditional fare, though in Masur's hands it was a work transformed. The detail he revealed in textures teeming with inner life, the rhythmic lift of well-crafted phrases, the arrestingly original views he offered from well-trodden rural paths: it all added up to one of the most stimulating "New Worlds" I can recall for many years.

The ensemble of the New York Philharmonic left something to be desired: they seemed incapable of starting movements together. Orchestral blends were also less homogeneous than we are used to in London. But any lack of surface polish was more than compensated for by the abundance of passion: under Masur's direction, every phrase surged as though endowed with a life of its own.

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Scandals and crises are essential features of the Italian operatic season, says **William Ward**

Another fight at the opera

It is ironic that in the birthplace of opera itself, it is not the quality of the performances that makes the headlines, but the scandals, union strikes, last-minute cancellations and grotesque public diatribes that inevitably accompany them. In other countries, temperamental prima donnas are confined to the stage; in Italy, they are behind it, beneath it, in the pit, in the wings.

Yet outsiders sometimes forget that the spirit of melodrama which at the heart of Italian opera is equally fundamental to the Italian character, so that while the administration of foreign opera houses is quite separate from the productions, in Italy they are all part of a seamless whole. To expect it to be different is wishful thinking, like asking a dog to stop chasing cats.

With all the comforting regularity of La Scala's opening night on St Ambrose's Day (December 7), every season within living memory has seen the publication of ritual soul-searching articles by the Italian press on the terminal decline of *il lirica*: sad victim of political infighting and union bolshiness, unwarranted appointments and unfair dismissals, a chronic cash crisis and a scandalous waste of public money.

> 'Opera has always been Italy's equivalent of the British Royal Family'

The importance of pageantry and the dependence on lavish state funds have always made opera Italy's equivalent of the British Royal Family, with every evidence that the major Italian players are buckling under the strain as much as their British royal counterparts. Nobody would argue that Luciano Pavarotti is a parasite, but he is fast turning into the Italian equivalent of Fergie. It is extraordinary how many ill-judged career moves he has made. Like the younger royals, he has allowed himself to be sucked into the perfidious waters of an alien youth culture, with largely unsatisfactory results.

Last October, the rock-style benefit concert he organised in his native Modena finished in fiasco, when the sponsors realised he was miming. His recent hit single "Miserere" with the Italian rock star Zucchero, and his appearance on March 2 at Sting's Amazonia benefit at Carnegie Hall in New York only added lustre to their careers. Behaving like a pop singer, and throwing professional caution to the wind, he personally announced in March his intention to re-form his World Cup supergroup in time for the 1994 USA World Cup, this time with the three singing the same arias from *Tosca*, *Otello* and *L'elisisr d'amore* to a jury, as in an ice-skating competition.

It is not always his fault: Pavarotti was mercilessly criticised for a couple of fluffed notes at the premiere of *Don Carlo* last December by claque and media alike, who paid no attention to an otherwise peerless performance. The ensuing pressure clearly weighed on Pavarotti's decision to withdraw from the recent Milan production of *I Pagliacci*.

Apart from Pavarotti, the events that have dominated this season have been entirely non-musical. Major administrative controversies involved all of the top opera houses. An elaborate game of musical chairs led to controversial sackings, huffy resignations, self-righteous reinstatements, threatened strikes and furious court cases at La Scala, La Fenice in Venice, Turin, Genoa and of course, Rome, where Giampaolo Cresci has become the musical establishment's *bête noire*. He has vulgarised the austere Fascist exterior of the Rome Opera; put his staff into 18th-century livery; rented exorbitantly expensive Persian carpets.

Luciano Berio, Italy's most famous living composer, and a frequent critic of the Italian musical status quo, raised the temperature even further last month in a radio interview: "Apart from La Scala, Bologna and Florence, all the other Italian opera houses are useless; they are politically corrupt, and most of them are run by complete cretins." Besides, he added, "there are too many — at least half should be closed down."

Opera, like everything else in Italy, has been dominated by political infighting since the war. According to the voting patterns of the 12 cities which house the top opera houses, the two top jobs of *sovraintendente* and *direttore artistico* are split between the parties, however incompatible or inappropriate the people nominated. Cresci was named by the Christian Democrats, to spike a strong Socialist candidate in Rome.

GRAHAM WOOD



Homegrown superstar of the troubled world of Italian opera: Luciano Pavarotti has made a series of ill-judged career moves

The recent controversy in Venice which led to the resignation of the communist-leaning *direttore artistico* was provoked by the inappropriate, populist long-term planning of the Socialist-backed *sovraintendente*. The previous artistic director at La Fenice, the British conductor John Fisher, had already been driven into resignation by bolshie unionists. Even more sinister and tragic was the episode two years ago, when the Teatro Petruzelli in Bari, Italy's only successful privately-run major opera house, was burnt down by arsonists.

Another negative factor is the extraordinarily high level of fees paid to singers and performers in order to lure them to appear in Italy. Apart from La Scala, and to a lesser extent Bologna and Florence, there is not a theatre in Italy where foreign performers would sing, without getting twice or three times their normal fee elsewhere. After several celebrated scandals a couple of years ago, the government imposed an official limit of 30 million lire (£12,000) for top stars. In classic Italian fashion, this is routinely evaded in an effort to entice some of the world's top singers.

Lax spending and unsackable employees (thanks to Italy's union-friendly labour laws) make the cost of Italian opera astronomical. Every show at Rome costs twice what one would at Covent Garden; at La Scala it is three times as much. State funding in Italy is upwards of 75 per cent, which hardly encourages careful housekeeping. It has been calculated that every time a Roman bottom sits down at Il Teatro dell'Opera, it costs the state the equivalent of £160. Although the government continues to slash the opera budget, Cresci continues in his feeding frenzy; threats by the performing arts minister to sack him have little effect.

However, Italy's most prestigious *sovraintendente*, Carlo Fontana at La Scala, who has greatly enhanced its reputation, makes a strong case for opera *all' Italiana*, pouring scorn on the repertory system as practised in the German and English-speaking worlds. "Of course good opera is expensive ... but excellence has a high price, and Italians expect it," says Fontana, who has just survived an attempt to have him removed from his post on a technicality. "Certain productions at Covent Garden or the Staatsoper are so bad that many a provincial Italian would get up and leave."

DANCE

Variety and all that jazz

Joseph Holmes Chicago Dance Theatre
Derngate, Northampton

The Joseph Holmes Chicago Dance Theatre certainly has got rhythm. The final minutes of its show had the whole audience at the Derngate, Northampton, tapping their feet and clapping their hands. The tape was playing a medley of Aretha Franklin recordings, while the company's 12 dancers strutted their stuff in front of a night sky and light-spangled skyscrapers.

That closing piece, *Aretha*, was jointly choreographed by the company's founder, Joseph Holmes, and Randy Duncan who took over as artistic director in 1986, after Holmes died. Holmes's memory appears to be very much alive, not only in the company's name, but in a programme of short pieces which represents the two choreographers in equal proportion.

This makes for more variety than I would expect from a jazz dance company. For a start, the stylistic differences between Holmes and Duncan appear like a history lesson, summarising the evolution of jazz dance over the 19 years of the company's existence. From the segmented jerks and hip-thrusts of Holmes's "traditional" vocabulary, Duncan has developed a smoother, eclectic approach incorporating ballet and vernacular movement.

In drawing up his selection, Duncan has also taken care to provide diversity of tone. Holmes's *Anything that comes out of my mouth*, for example, focuses on the body plastique of a female trio, overlaid with Oriental inflections that match the sitar in Shadowfax's music, whereas the same choreographer's *Oh, Mary Don't you Weep* has resonances of Alvin Ailey's *Revelations*, with its gospel song accompaniment, religious intensity and women in long white dresses.

By contrast, Duncan's own choreography seems much given to themes of raw primitivism. *Initiation* enacts some ritual that also serves to exhibit flamboyant male muscularity in inventively unusual lifts and postures. *Unarmed* features a solo man like an American Indian warrior, wearily crouching, slipping and twisting. Its gripping gymnastic images deserved a more fluent performance than it got from Arturo Alvarez.

Some dancers looked good. Others did less justice to choreography which may be superficial, undemanding and hardly Balanchine, but still has shape and pace. Jazz dance, whose principal domain is the chorus lines of the musical theatre, can for once stand on its own. It brings no disgrace to the East Midlands Year of Dance festival.

NADINE MEISNER

TELEVISION REVIEW: **Tony Patrick** finds the golden girls still shining despite the loss of a central figure

Friends of Dorothy

Even for characters with an established following, the first episode of a new series is tricky, but **Golden Palace** (Channel 4, last night), a spin-off from *The Golden Girls*, saw the three surviving matrons — Blanche, Rose and Sophia — picking up almost seamlessly from where the final episode of the old show saw them bid goodbye to the newly — and incredibly — remarried Dorothy.

There had always been a welcome willingness to dabble in the surreal about the old show, and fans will have been delighted to note the survival of this dotty optimism in the new one, unfounded though it is in any reading of the apparent facts. Setting themselves a new agenda in the post-Dorothy world, the three women sold the house, pooled their resources and bought a small hotel.

Naturally, their expectations of gracious retirement as proprietors of a goldmine were dashed. The Golden Palace was on the verge of repossession by the bank and bereft of staff, except for the politically-too-correct trio of a young black manager, his white, preteen foster son and a Mexican chef. And (my goodness), a convention of travel agents was about to arrive!

Of course, the day was eventually won, thanks to the resourcefulness of the women and their new-found helpmates. Such glibness can be forgiven in an establishing episode, but we must hope that a closer semblance of day-by-day hotel life is forthcoming in future: even the wildest feel-good fantasies need some grounding in truth.

Where other comedy series maintain subplots, *The Golden Girls* and now the *Palace* rely on the expectations audiences have of the characteristics of Blanche (man-mad), Rose (utterly naive) and Sophia (utterly cynical), who have always batted bitchy remarks and rejoinders back and forth like tennis partners. The departure of Dorothy (sensible, but liable to spells as any of the others) has actually cleared the court for more action, and the number of comic aces was unusually high last night.

Perhaps the most satisfying sequence was of Blanche, as night porter, thwarting a would-be armed robber by feigning ignorance of what he wants and the whereabouts of the safe, only to get straight on the phone to the police with a detailed description when he runs off, frustrated. Her triumphant self-identification as a citizen who is not as stupid as people think (applause) was capped by the realisation that she had dialled the wrong number: "Oh, this is 411? I'm sorry; I wonder if you could give me the number for 911."(redoubled applause).

The new boys, saddled as they are with having to represent significant minorities, will have a tough time of it. Don Cheadle, as Roland, the bright manager, is very sharp but not credible; Billy L. Sullivan, as Roland's foster son, has yet to be allowed any characterisation beyond too-smart-by-half. Cheech Marin (half of the old hippie-dope-smoking comedy duo Cheech and Chong) looks most promising as Chuy (Chewy) Castillos, the Mexican chef, a sparring partner for "We cook Italian" Sophia. His general hopelessness (sleeping in his car after a messy divorce) and the fact that he has had to pretend to be attracted to Sophia in order to get his job back, after initially walking out in a huff, suggests that a worthy successor to Dorothy's ex-husband Stan has been found.





Sophia, Blanche and Rose meet Roland, the manager of their newly acquired hotel

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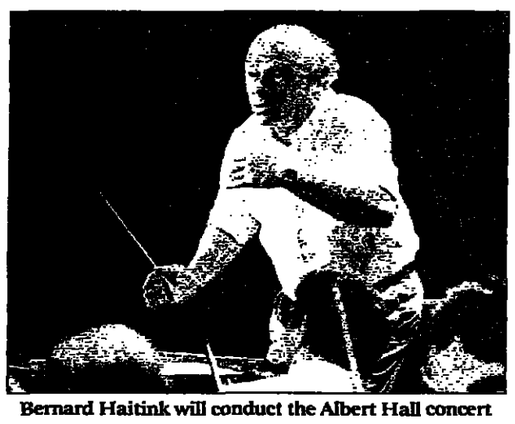
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Unsafe haven in the West

Angela Carter's posthumous short stories show how dangerous it is to see the New World as a refuge from past tragedies of the Old, says **Melinda Camber Porter**

Under Angela Carter's imaginative scrutiny, America is well and truly elucidated. Not only does she know and note the different textures of light and sky that distinguish the Southwest from Hollywood and the smell of the soil in Boston that makes it a world apart from the feel of the vast prairies of the Midwest; but she also knows what it is, primarily, that distinguishes the New World from the Old.

Her collection of short stories (her last work of fiction before her death a year ago) achieves this remarkable feat within the first five stories, which span not just the geographical "islands" within America, but the myths that segregate the Puritan settlers of the east coast from the movie worshippers of California.

Carter sees America as a hiding ground, an unsafe haven for people fleeing their past, a vast expanse of anonymity where the refugee is always destined to meet all he has fled from. In her short story, *'Tis Pity She's A Whore*, brother and sister commit incest in the illusory secrecy of the empty prairie. The landscape is the pretext: the loneliness of empty space, the excuse. "They had the silence and space and an unimaginable freedom which they dare not imagine." America is the new world, providing them with a new backdrop: but the drama is the same, the passions identical to those felt by Annabella and Giovanni in the play of the same name by the 17th-century dramatist, John Ford.

Carter disputes the notion that the New World can break free from the Old. Thus she juxtaposes quotes from the play against an imaginary movie script by the American film-maker John Ford. She tells simultaneously the stories of an identical incest: same ecstasy, same names and same tragic deaths.

AMERICAN GHOSTS AND OLD WORLD WONDERS
By Angela Carter
Chatto & Windus, £13.99

Annabella and Giovanni in the dramatist John Ford's play and Annie-Belle and Johnny in the American film-maker's movie.

What distinguishes the modern incest from the old? What has changed within the human soul since John Ford wrote his play and John Ford made his movies? Has mankind changed his heart and mind, improved himself?

In each and every story, Carter ponders on the unchanging heart of mankind and the recurrent myths that seem to shape each generation's destiny. And yet, in changing narrative fashions, she sees hope. For Carter, narrative is the key: the new way we may tell the same recurrent myth can change our way of looking at the world. And in that new awareness lies the possibility of a changed heart. In the concluding stories, she tries her hand at refashioning new narrative interpretations of old myths, rewriting the Asputtle fairy story with a psychoanalytical and feminist twist.

Carter knows that, whether we like it or not, Freud has insinuated himself into every modern narrative. He has become a part of the way we read. His vision defines, in part, that of the New World: his views on sexuality will always be that double-entrendre within a story we can choose to hear or silence. And she shows us, too, that movies make the New World what it is and hold authorial power, changing the way we see ourselves: John Ford the film-maker tells the incest story to us now; John Ford, the dramatist defunct.

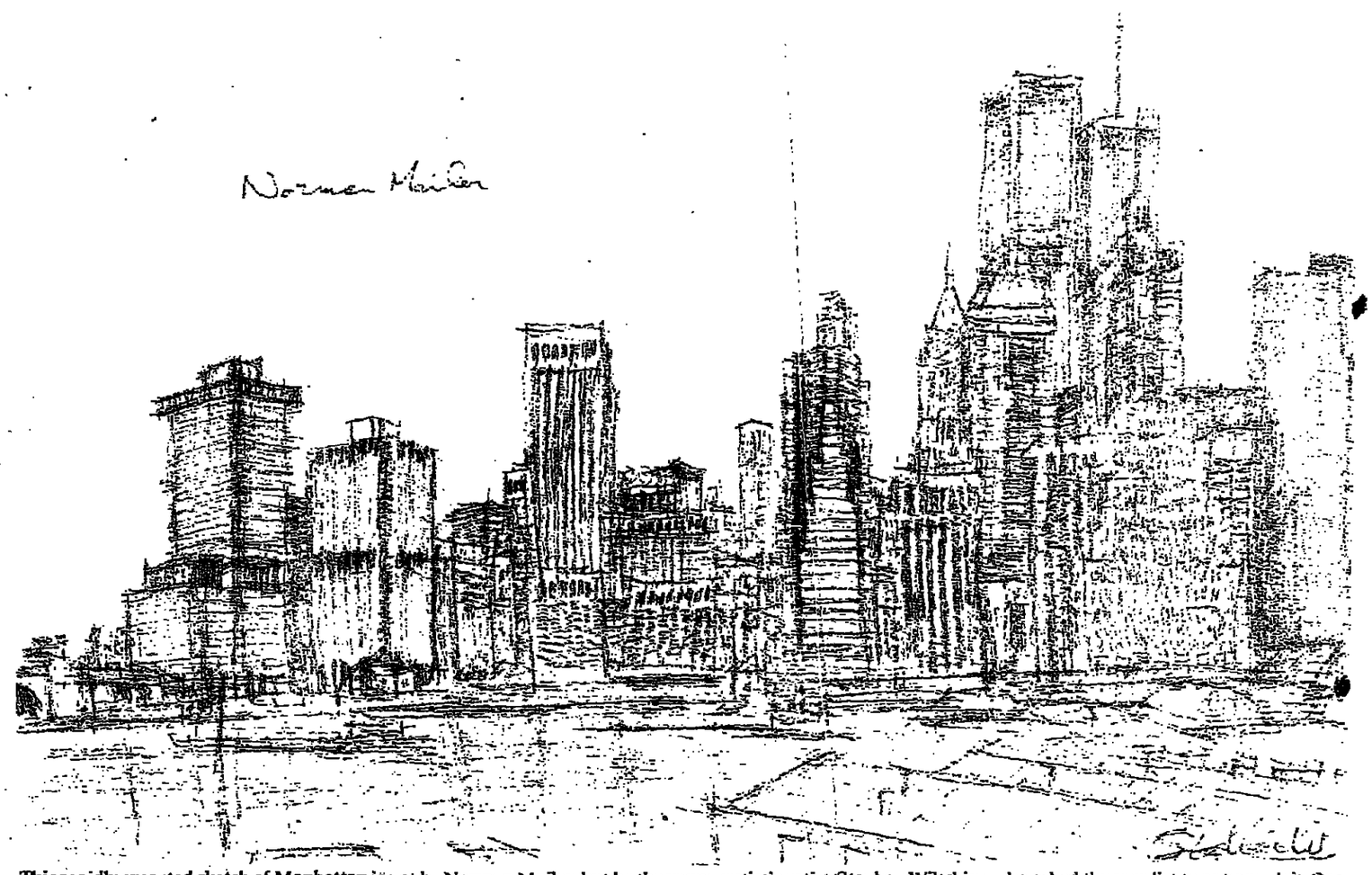
Carter is thoroughly at ease with, and adept at, the narratives of both the New and Old World. In this collection, she revels in the arts of the screenplay, alternating prose poem with movie dialogue, structural analysis with camera directions. Her imagination is cinematographic and many of the short stories are eminently translatable into film. Her intellect defies nostalgia: she does not lament the days when poetry was the first art and when those who could read books did so. Her temperament is robust, energetic and endlessly inventive, using every form of narrative for her own ends. Though Carter sometimes turns to modernist structural and psychoanalytical theories, her intuitive, poetic powers are always her guide.

In a wonderfully funny story set in Hollywood, she describes the encounter between a geriatric star and a research student whose doctoral thesis is on the star's deceased film-maker husband. The young man finally understands that he is no match for the demonic daughter of the movie cameras.

"I was trapped helpless among these beings who could only exist in California, where the light made movies and madness. And one of them had just arbitrarily drowned the poor little tools of my parasitic trade (his tape recorder), leaving me naked and at their mercy." The terrified academic wilts in the presence of the Hollywood legend. Carter heeds the lessons of her Hollywood cautionary tale, always leaving the reins in the hands of her novelist's imagination, not her academic skills.

Though she has chosen America, in the main part, to posit her questions on the perfectibility of man, Carter teaches us that the New World can be anywhere. Those in her stories who hope to find it in America, and who flee their past, never really make it to the New World: the old tragedies follow them to a new backdrop.

Melinda Camber Porter is a writer and artist who lives in New York.



This rapidly executed sketch of Manhattan is not by Norman Mailer, but by the young autistic artist Stephen Wiltshire, who asked the novelist to autograph it. One of a series reproduced in *Stephen Wiltshire's American Dream* (text by Margaret Hewson. Michael Joseph. £16.99), a title borrowed from Mailer's 1965 novel.

Americans against the world

Christopher Hawtree

ALL THE PRETTY HORSES
By Cormac McCarthy
Picador, £14.99

TALLER WOMEN
By Lawrence Naumoff
Flamingo, £5.99 pbk original

SUICIDE BLONDE
By Darcey Steinke
Picador, £4.99 pbk original

Cormac McCarthy's novels have always given the impression of taking place in a timeless America of jagged landscapes and defenceless frontiers, haunted by solitary types compulsive in their urge to fulfil a quest. It therefore comes as a shock to find somebody in his latest, *All the Pretty Horses*, asking: "How can Shirley Temple be getting divorced?"

Though set in the specific period of the early 1950s, this novel, too, conforms to type. It is the first volume in a trilogy about the youthful rancher John Cole, known as Grady. Confronted by an American future with no place for him and his kind, he sets off for Mexico in the company of Lacey Rawlins: they fall in, fatally, with one Jimmy Blevins.

As always, animals are described by McCarthy with evocative care. These are more than mere nags, just as pigs can never be the same after the magnificent account of an attempt to catch them in McCarthy's earlier novel *Suttree*. Like the spare prose and the grim acts in *Child of God*, or the more baroque world of the Tennessee river in *Suttree*, this is impressive stuff. Taken together, however, the novel never quite hits the mark.

Such is McCarthy's way with language that it works against him. Every sentence is freighted with meaning — or, at least, has one wondering whether it might be. Often verbless, sometimes one-word, these staccato sentences distance the characters from the reader and give undue prominence to the background. Pumpjacks do not merely fly, but are "like great primitive birds welded up out of iron by hearsay in a land perhaps where such birds once had been". It is difficult to know exactly what this means: by what stretching of metaphor can hearsay weld anything? Had McCarthy not relied on these leaky tropes, but been content with real simplicity, the novel might have gained the allegorical significance for which it evidently strives.

This raw landscape is far removed from the equally troubled, small-town North Carolina world of *Taller Women*. As in *The Night of the Weeping Women* and *Rootie Kazootie*, Lawrence Naumoff confronts marital angst in no spirit of solemnity. The emergency ward where she works is the least of Monroe Hopkins's worries. She is unsettled by an apparent growth in the female physique. True or not, this impression has helped two marriages go awry, and matters are now only complicated by advances from a (short) young neighbour.

Work at the emergency ward (redesignated "trauma center") is "anonymous, urgent, and intense" and, as such, congenial: home is anything but. All this is put into another perspective by a friend's embroilment as a prison visitor. Farce is buttressed by concern with the preoccupations which drive people apart. If anything, however, it is for the delineation of suburban artefacts, such as a jerry-built bathroom, that *Taller Women* remains in the mind. If Naumoff were a surveyor, estate agents would hire a hit-man.

Things are no easier over in the San Francisco of Darcey Steinke's *Suicide Blonde*, the cover of which might prompt some booksellers to wrap it in cellophane. Customers thus inspired to part with a fiver will not be disappointed. The heroine, Jesse, is no blushing violet when it comes to telling of life with the bisexual Bell: gentlemen can have their way with her at a place called Carmen's, run by a friend of the enigmatic old Madam Pig, from whom she absorbs worldly wisdom of a dubious hue. Open the thing at random and there is sure to be some squalid image or other: when read from cover to cover, the pretensions of Steinke's novel matter less, and it acquires some force from accurate observation of San Francisco's demi-monde.

The Japanese don't care to

John Gray

THE JAPANESE
Strange but not Strangers
By Joe Joseph
Viking, £15.99



Witty and candid: Joe Joseph

Western comment on Japan seems to be animated by alterophobia — the fear of the other, or that which is different from ourselves. Doubtless much in Japanese history and culture contributes to this western phobia, not least the fact that, alone among the great non-occidental civilisations, Japan was never colonised by western powers, and preserved intact, even after defeat in the second world war, its indigenous cultural traditions.

More to the point, perhaps, the Japanese achievement calls into question many of the assumptions of western civilisation, particularly as that is manifest in the United States. For many in the West, and especially in America, the western inheritance of Judaeo-Christianity and individualism, together with the idea of progress toward a universal civilisation, are not only good in themselves, but guarantors of western power and prosperity. The success of market institutions in the West is accounted for by their being underpinned by a culture of individualism and, in America at least, by an enlightenment creed of historical optimism.

The example of Japan casts doubt on all of this. In Japan, market institutions flourish in a moral culture that is not individualist, that does not subscribe to the illusions of the enlightenment and which is untouched by Judaeo-Christianity. If the central tenets of the western world-view were true, Japan as we now see it could not exist. As it is, Japan is a living refutation of our inherited western world-view, especially as that has been crystallised into the American civil religion.

Joe Joseph, a journalist on *The Times*, was until recently the paper's Tokyo correspondent. His witty, candid and enlightening book on Japan and the Japanese seeks to render Japanese culture more readily intelligible to westerners without making it less strange to them. In this, *The Japanese: Strange but not Strangers* succeeds eminently, containing much more insight and food for thought than many a dry academic tome.

Western responses to the challenge posed by the Japanese example divide, roughly speaking, into those that deny its otherness, and those that recognise its strangeness to our preconceptions, but for that reason portray it as sinister. In the first category are "paleo-liberals" such as Milton Friedman, for whom Japan is simply a success story for economic *laissez-faire*. This view in effect denies the otherness of Japan by assimilating it (contrary to the evidence) to a western model.

The other view — taken by "revisionist" interpreters of Japan such as Karl van Wolferen in his work *The Enigma of Japanese Power* — demonises Japan by representing it as locked in an inherently adversarial relationship with the West. Revisionist interpretations of this sort amount, in practice, to little more than arguments for "fair" or "managed" trade — that is to say, for protectionism, and, like most Japan-bashing, they neglect the domestic causes of western economic weakness, such as underinvestment and declining educational standards. What both strands of thought have in common is an inability to perceive Japan as genuinely different from the West, and to let it remain different, without thereby becoming a threat to the West.

If Joseph's account can be faulted at all, it is perhaps in understating the magnitude of the challenges that will confront Japan in the coming decades. We are already seeing some signs of a chipping away of the lifetime job contracts whereby Japan has until now avoided the waste and human tragedy encompassed in the structural unemployment that disfigures the western economies.

Further, the American Structural Impediments Initiative on trade conflict incorporates a series of demands for the reform of the Japanese economy that would amount to an imposition on Japan of an American model of market institutions that is wholly unsuited to native Japanese traditions. If adopted, such proposals would institutionalise in Japan precisely the unfettered individualism, and the devaluation of common forms of life, that are the ultimate explanation of decline — even economic decline — in the West.

We must hope that Japan will resist the attempt to reorganise its economy according to a western model that already shows signs of obsolescence. It may be that the Japanese, no less than ourselves, need to grasp how different they are from us, if they are not to abandon the distinctive forms of economic life that have brought them unrivalled prosperity, and in so doing walk the western road to ruin.

How the Cold War was won

Peter Riddell

AT THE HIGHEST LEVELS
The inside story of the end of the Cold War
By Michael Beschloss and Strobe Talbott
Little, Brown, £18.99

In August 1992 George Bush began his acceptance speech at the Republican convention in Houston with what Michael Beschloss and Strobe Talbott describe as "a lengthy hymn to himself as the hero of the end of the Cold War". This convention, Bush said, is "the first at which an American president can say, 'The Cold War is over, and freedom finished first!'" These claims provoked the sharp rejoinder from then candidate Bill Clinton that Bush was like a rooster taking credit for the dawn.

The American public was unimpressed with Bush's stress on his foreign policy record. For them the Cold War was over. They were more concerned about his apparent lack of interest in domestic policy.

George Bush and James Baker, his friend and secretary of state, are now out of fashion, as those who have just left office often are. The global problems left over at the end of the Bush administration — in Bosnia, Russia and central Europe, and the continuation of Saddam Hussein in power — attracted more attention than the departing president's achievements.

Beschloss and Talbott offer a more balanced verdict. Beschloss already has a high reputation as a historian of the superpower era, most recently with his account of the Kennedy-Khrushchev relationship. Talbott has not only been a diplomatic journalist on *Time* magazine, but is also an old friend of President Clinton and has been named as his roving ambassador to Russia and other CIS countries.

Their new book describes the Bush-Gorbachev relationship over the period of the end of the Cold War. They have had full access to the leading participants on both sides. This offers the advantage of immediacy in the vivid accounts of meetings and conversations, but the disadvantage of perhaps being too close to the presidents and their foreign ministers. It is very much an insider's account.

Bush was initially cautious about Gorbachev and the reforms in central Europe. On a visit to Poland and Hungary in July 1989, Bush was more sympathetic to the existing regimes than to some of the reformers. He "tended to be uncomfortable with political figures whose manners and aspirations seemed exotic. In his lexicon, *solid*, *proven* and *reliable* were adjectives of high praise. Names like Walesa and Yeltsin did not find their way into Bush's Rolodex as easily as Jaruzelski or Gorbachev."

The key to the changes was obviously what happened within the Soviet Union, together with Gorbachev's refusal to intervene to prevent change in eastern Europe in 1989. Nevertheless, as Beschloss and Talbott convincingly argue, "Bush made an indispensable contribution to the Cold War's end. From January 1989 until December 1991, he coaxed the Soviet Union toward worldwide surrender. He did so largely by exercising restraint and refraining from pushing the Soviet government too hard, thus never giving Moscow a pretext to reverse course."

During the most sensitive period, Bush never gloated. He never appeared to be taking advantage of the Soviet leader's troubles. He continued to treat Gorbachev as the head of a superpower, as a partner in resolving regional conflicts, notably the Gulf war, even when the Soviet Union was in retreat.

Bush has been accused of not doing enough to help reform, either in the former Soviet Union or in central Europe. But parallels with the Marshall Plan aid for western Europe in the late 1940s are misleading. With its huge budget and trade deficits, America in the late 1980s and early 1990s has not had the financial resources to offer such large-scale assistance, which anyway might have reinforced existing inefficient structures rather than helped the transformation to a market economy. Bush and his advisers never believed that Gorbachev and his staff *could* make the intellectual leap to understand how a market economy operates.

The most serious charge is that, despite many warnings and their own initial instincts, Bush and Baker fell into the trap of relying too much on their personal relations with the Soviet leaders. They failed to take account of the weakening of Gorbachev's domestic base during 1991 and the rise both of competing centres of power and of more vigorous supporters of democratisation and economic reform such as Yeltsin. That is a fair criticism. But it does not detract from Bush's skilful handling of the end of the Cold War and the peaceful dissolution of the Soviet empire. History may be more generous than the voters.



Dummies at "Doomtown" on the Nevada nuclear test site: a recreation for the film *Nightbreaker*. From *American Ground Zero: The Secret Nuclear War* by Carole Gallagher (MIT Press, £24.95)

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Decline and fall of white Rhodesia

Sousa Jamba praises an analysis of white Rhodesian society in the 1970s which shows how Ian Smith had to concede majority rule once military failure made whites lose faith in their mission

I can still remember the ground shaking as the bombs exploded around the Zambian capital, Lusaka, where I grew up. Bombers from Salisbury, then the capital of Rhodesia, had attacked several camps of the black nationalists fighting Ian Smith's white minority regime. Lusaka was awash with rumours about white soldiers who had painted themselves black hiding in shrubs waiting to attack. Many innocent tourists ended up at police stations just for being white. For us, Ian Smith was the ultimate villain. Some of my friends even said that Smith had one of his eyes replaced with that of a fish after his plane crashed when he was in the Royal Air Force (quite untrue).

Down in Salisbury, however, the attacks Smith's men were carrying out in Zambia and Mozambique were bolstering the morale of a quarter of a million whites committed to defend, as they maintained, the Rhodesian way of life. *Rhodesians Never Die* (the words are from a song composed in 1965 by Ian Smith's son-in-law Clem Tholet) is a hearty and lucid account of how those whites coped with a decade of war leading to the creation of Zimbabwe in 1979-80.

This book resulted from rigorous research by Peter Godwin, a journalist with the BBC, and Ian Hancock, an academic in Australia. It is filled with many valuable observations on an important but neglected aspect of southern African history. The main premise of the book is that white Rhodesians had come to believe so much in their own myths they had failed to sense the unavoidable end to their social and political dominance.

Some white Rhodesians, the authors assert, thought they could win the war, because they had what they believed to be the best counter-insurgency force in the world. Although a significant part of the white establishment believed in compromising with the black majority, the army opted for a strategy of, as one commander cited here puts it, "grabbing by the balls' and "letting the hearts and minds follow".

The minds of the blacks did not, of course, follow. The armies of black nationalists, which some whites had derided as being composed of "garden boys" and "nannies", won more support from the African population, posing a bigger danger to white supremacy.

Godwin and Hancock delve thoroughly into the world of the white Rhodesians, revealing the myths which sustained their self-deception to keep to "the servants, the jacarandas, the cheap beef, the avocados and the fine weather". According to the authors, politicians went around making exaggerated remarks about the greatness of Rhodesia to the white electorate which became increasingly insecure about their highly privileged existence. The politicos of white Rhodesia claimed that everything about their society was the best in the world. Ian Smith even said: "Our black Rhodesians are among the best blacks that you can find anywhere in the world."

RHODESIANS NEVER DIE
The Impact of War and Political Change on White Rhodesia c. 1970-1980
By Peter Godwin and Ian Hancock
Oxford: Clarendon Press, £45

White Rhodesians, according to Godwin and Hancock, believed themselves to be a cut above everyone else. According to the rhetoric, they had a loftier mission as the harbingers of Christian values and western civilisation in that part of the world. Rhodesian whites were not going to allow the permissiveness in other parts of the world to pollute their values. A censorship board was formed and Germaine Greer's *The Female Eunuch* and copies of *Playboy* were banned from that outpost of civilisation.

There was, of course, as *Rhodesians Never Die* goes on to show, much evidence to disprove white Rhodesia's claims about the upholding of western values. Despite all the proclamations about family values, white Rhodesians had one of the highest divorce rates in the world. There were many other contradictions. As some white politicians went on about the need to uphold civilised values, they also suggested in the same breath that black students who questioned European civilisation be dismissed.

Later, when the whole country became affected by the war, the defenders of civilisation proved to be as brutal as any other Third World regime. There was, for instance, the Arthur Kanodareka affair, in which the special branch of the armed forces recruited a black pastor to hand out poisoned clothing to young black nationalists who died agonising deaths.

As the war continued, white Rhodesians began to question what they were fighting for. In 1976, Ian Smith accepted the principle of majority rule; that is, as long as white interests were not threatened. To ensure this, Smith wheedled malleable black nationalist leaders, such as Bishop Abel Muzorewa, into his fold. Rhodesian whites believed that Muzorewa, and not Mugabé, whom they saw as a vile Marxist, was going to win the elections which resulted from the Lancaster House agreement. Mugabe won and thousands of whites trekked down to South Africa and elsewhere. By 1990, only 90,000 whites were left in Zimbabwe.

I hope that after *Rhodesians Never Die*, Peter Godwin and Ian Hancock might turn their faculties to the question of how black Zimbabweans have fared under Robert Mugabe's rule. Despite the harmonious relations between blacks and whites and Zimbabwe's relative stability, the deaths in the early 1980s of thousands in Matebeleland are still haunting the national conscience. Some poor blacks are even longing for the days of Ian Smith, who is no longer the devil many of us thought him to be.

Sousa Jamba's novel about Africa, A Lonely Devil, was published last month by Fourth Estate.


The end of the white Rhodesian dream. Salisbury, May 15, 1980: Ian Smith points out the prime minister's seat to Robert Mugabe


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Beryl Markham: brave, but a neurotic egotist on a grand scale

African queen who hunted with the night

Philippa Ingram

THE LIVES OF BERYL MARKHAM
By Errol Trzebinski
Heinemann, £17.99

The first person to fly the Atlantic solo from east to west, Beryl Markham's reputation rests on her best-selling memoir, *West with the Night*. With its gripping descriptions of her life in Kenya in the first half of the century — learning to track and hunt animals, being mauled by a lion, training race horses, landing her Gypsy Moth at night in the bush with nothing but a few flares to guide her, and embarking on the terrifying flight to North America — it leaves the reader wanting to know much more about a remarkable, even heroic woman.

The memoir, however, omits all conventional autobiographical information, failing to mention such trifles as her three husbands, her son, or her mother. Errol Trzebinski supplies all the missing detail, and sets the record straight. The person who emerges from her researches is no heroine, rather a neurotic egotist on a grand scale.

Beryl was two when her father Charles Clutterbuck abandoned Leicestershire in 1904 to try his luck as a pioneer. Unfortunately his wife Clara did not take to living in a thatched mud hut or butchering her own game. She preferred fox hunting to elephant shooting, and before long ran off with a major who took her and her sickly son back to county life. Beryl did not see her mother again for 30 years. Indeed she was shattered to learn of her existence when about eight years old, having believed that her father's mistress Emily was her mother. Already wildly jealous of Emily whom her father adored, the discovery of this early desertion did her incalculable damage.

She ran wild on her father's ramshackle farm, speaking Swahili before English, running away from governesses and schools, to be out riding or hunting with her African companions. Trzebinski believes her early immersion in tribal culture explains many of her later eccentric traits. She does seem to have learnt to bear physical pain without flinching — she despised physical weakness in others — and not to show emotion, especially if it meant losing face. But to explain away her extraordinary sexual promiscuity as a typical African lack of inhibition is quite unconvincing.

Markham only cared for the opposite sex, and with her blonde glamour and flirtatious charms was irresistible to men. She was also, as all three husbands rapidly discovered, incapable of fidelity, thinking nothing of running two or three lovers simultaneously. Her biographer mentions many of them, but I lost count halfway through. This is the disturbed behaviour of someone with very low self-esteem.

Not satisfied with her sexual success, she spent eight years trying to trap Karen Blixen's lover, Denys Finch Hatton. Markham went after her prey with a quite ruthless deviousness. She made friends with the unsuspecting Karen, so that she had ready access to the farmhouse where Finch Hatton stayed between safaris. She presented them with her own enormous honeymoon bed. In order to impress him, she had affairs with the Prince of Wales and his brother the Duke of Gloucester (who paid her a lifelong annuity), and even learnt to fly in 1929 so that she could join Finch Hatton in his work.

Markham's biographer believes that Finch Hatton was the love of her life, and that his death in a flying accident, only some six weeks after their affair had finally begun, was her great tragedy. It is much easier to believe that her desire was fed by the challenge presented by his preference for an older, less physically attractive but much more educated and cultured woman. But his relationship with Blixen had finished when he took up with Markham, and surely she would have tired of him as rapidly as all the rest. What she never got over was that, thanks to the success of *Out of Africa*, it is Blixen, not herself, who is forever linked in the public mind with the romantic figure of Finch Hatton. This still rankled with Markham in her eighties, especially when *Out of Africa* was turned into a film.

There was literary rivalry with Blixen too. The latter's growing reputation as a writer made the praise for *West With the Night* all the more delightful. But contemporaries in Kenya were always doubtful that she was the author: after all, she had never been known to put pen to paper or to read a book. Trzebinski proves beyond reasonable doubt that *West with the Night* was not her work, but the masterpiece of her third husband, the American Raoul Schumacher, a professional writer, on the basis of her notes and conversation. The deception came back to haunt her in her old age when the book was republished in 1984. Unable to admit the truth, she had to persist with the uncomfortable charade.

Her son, Gervase, occupies another dark corner of her life. Born with a congenital deformity requiring surgery, he was rejected by her in the first week: she saw him only a few times in her life, never bothering to clear up the rumours surrounding his paternity which caused him grave embarrassment.

Completely self-centred, reckless with money, and with no permanent relationships to anchor her, it is not surprising that her declining years were friendless and poverty-stricken. She died in 1986, angry and alone. But her rivalry with Karen Blixen can go on beyond the grave: a film of *West with the Night* is planned, with Geena Davis possibly in the starring role.

Two cultures and the falling sickness

Epilepsy was the "sacred disease" Hippocates wished to demystify, to reconstrue as ordinary illness. His wish was granted. Epilepsy is now regarded as a family of episodic — and highly treatable — disorders of the brain's electrical activity. It remains a natural territory for students of altered awareness. Perhaps this interest in what it is like to have a fit lies at the back of Penelope Farmer's novel, the tale of an otherwise unromantic activity — a drug trial.

The trial is intended to discover whether a drug of proven worth in the developed world can be used with benefit among the poor, in Kenya and Ecuador. Its guiding spirit is Carter Jacoman, a dynamic and garrulous Canadian medic turned executive.

Jacoman enlists a neurologist, David Kern, as medical adviser, and the neurologist's newly-wed wife Anna, as an assistant. But Anna has a secret kept from David for fear of discouraging his advances, ever more difficult to reveal as time goes on: her child by her first marriage has epilepsy.

The stage, and the marriage, are set for confrontation: of journalism by science, suffering by dispassion, breathless Anna by her incisive husband. Anna can't help using her own feelings to understand those of others, "acknowledging her private self in her work much more than my husband would think appropriate, as a scientist, as a doctor, as an Englishman". David cannot help doing so either, but dislikes the idea and scolds Anna "yourself is not science".

Depicted as a member of "an inexpressive and speechless race; perpendicular and unsociable", David seems to fit the bill. It takes the prospect of "seeing epilepsy in its untreated state", or a case of cysticercosis, to turn him on: he relaxes in the evenings with musical scores. But I felt for him. He has such talkative friends and relations. Anna even records her conversations with the unstoppable Jacoman and plays them back to David later — enough to make anyone perpendicular.

The novel focuses on work, a worthy subject but tackled with such doggedness that the expeditions to Ecuador and Kenya are always in its shadow. In volcanic Ecuador, Anna had expected "a golden land to steal her heat away", but she learns "you should never expect to see mountains", and she rarely does.

Adam Zeman

SNAKES AND LADDERS
By Penelope Farmer
Little, Brown, £14.99

Farmer's prose sometimes makes awkward reading: descriptions are dabbed together in a flurry of commas. Some details are improbable: it is hard to believe that a drug company would not know of the existence of major competing drugs. But by the end I found that I did care about Anna and her husband. I was glad that work let up just long enough to allow them a glimpse of mountains, of a kind: the novel closes with the birth of their daughter, and a father's death. Anna is surely right to point to the "littleness of human remedies, against such realities".

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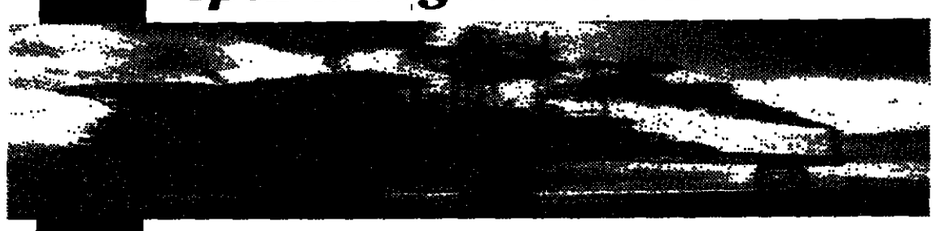
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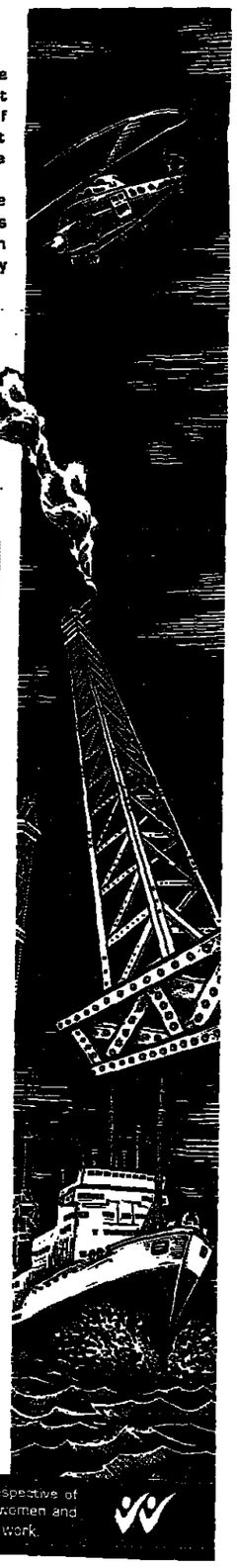
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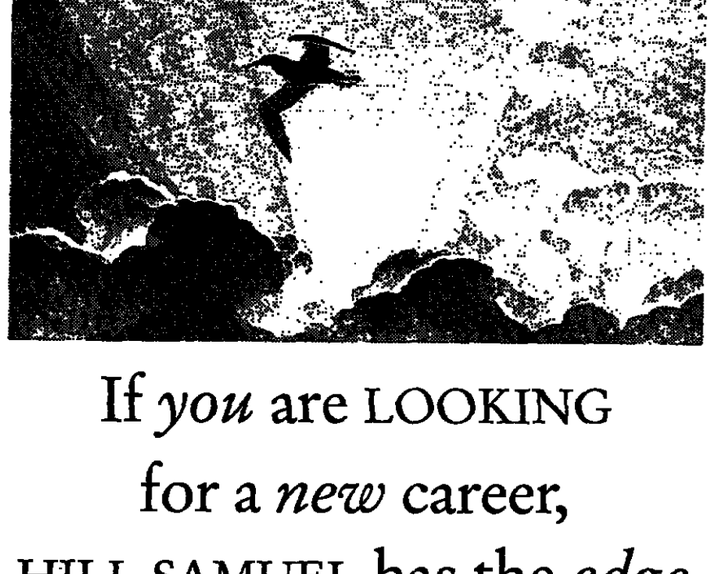
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Mismatch of minds

Civil servants have never been more in need of guidelines, David Walker reports

NICK MALAND



A sub-committee of the House of Commons Treasury and Civil Service Committee chaired by Giles Radice is about to start hearings into the "role of the higher Civil Service, including relations between ministers and civil servants".

It sounds bland, or merely a repeat of umpteen previous committee reports. But the MPs start their work whipped along by an urgent sense that things are going badly wrong at the very heart of the machine. And they are not to be trifled with — both Labour's Mr Radice and John Watts, the Conservative chairman of the full committee, are experts in the ways of Whitehall.

It is Whitehall's version of a problem apparent throughout the public sector — in local government, the health service, the BBC — as the drive for new, entrepreneurial management meets the continuing necessity of ensuring fairness, and rule-governed adherence to codes of public conduct. Simply to call it an ethical crisis would be wrong, says Sue Richards, former adviser to the committee and now head of the Public Management Foundation. "We are in a profound transition, looking for a new kind of ethics for new public management," she says.

Beneath a surface rubbed smooth by the outward calm of permanent secretaries, Whitehall is seething with tension between old ideas of public service and new demands. "The idea of a career civil service is unravelling," says William Plowden, the former director-general of the Royal Institute of Public Administration, and another informal adviser to the committee. "There is an urgent need to codify what is expected of civil servants as we move to a new relationship between public and private sector, and short-term contracts. A common ethical culture has to be preserved in these new circumstances."

Recent public anxiety about ethics in Whitehall has focused on the Matrix-Churchill affair — the arms for Iraq affair — and the question of Treasury payments to Norman Lamont, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, for legal fees. Market-testing and privatisation have shown that civil servants are not all pillars of Victorian rectitude when confronted with the prospect of personal gain.

But worry goes much wider than individual cases of graft — which are still pretty exceptional, thanks in part to the policing work of the National Audit Office and the Public Accounts Committee.

"After four successive Conservative election victories, we're asking whether civil servants still retain a sense of balance," Mr Radice says. His committee's work could go deep. The problem in the Lamont affair was not what Sir Peter Middleton, the Treasury permanent secretary, ordered but the fact that there were no ground rules for what was appropriate. Nobody actually knows — in any publicly identifiable form at least — just what is expected of civil servants.

"Every year the statutory basis on which the army operates is renewed", says Professor Peter Hennessy of Queen Mary and Westfield College, "and we're even thinking about putting the Security Service on a statutory footing.

"What have we got to tell us how half a million civil servants should behave? We need a Civil Service Act defining what the Civil Service is for — which would give officials redress if ministers did ask them to cut corners."

The Cabinet Office produces a document entitled "Questions of Procedure for Ministers", which is one of the few sources to which an uncertain civil servant or minister can turn. In paragraph 55 there is an immortal line. Ministers, it says, "have a duty to refrain from asking or instructing civil servants to do things they should not do". If the Treasury and Civil Service Committee sub-committee could move even a little way into identifying just what it is civil servants should and should not do, its next report could be dynamite.

Soaring insurance costs have made risk management vital

Town halls shape up

In the past year, local authorities have been forced to learn very quickly about risk management. Insurance premiums have doubled and MMI, the authorities' own insurance company, was forced into a takeover.

In addition, escalating claims relating to schools, old and young people's homes and police vehicles have meant that authorities are finding that they have pay the first £100,000 of every claim.

Such developments have made local authorities realise that risk management — controlling the number and levels of claims — is something that must be taken very seriously.

Typically, Surrey County Council's insurance bill has gone from £1.6 million in 1990 to £5 million today. Colin Wright, Surrey's assistant treasurer and head of financial services, says: "It isn't just that we are paying more in premiums because the number of claims is rising. Now we are having to pay the first £100,000 of every claim, which has made us think very hard about the whole subject.

"If you control risks, you control insurance costs. Insurance money is essentially unproductive money. Every penny we save can be spent on the productive services we are here to provide."

Three years ago, Surrey appointed Ken Kennedy as risk manager and he has spent his time integrating his function into the business of the county council.

"It has to be a corporate decision, if decisions are taken at too junior a level then it can end in only lip service being paid," he says. "My first mistake was to chair the risk management commitee, it has to be the chief executive.

"Sometimes, risk management is just about locking doors, putting in fire breaks or making sure a receptionist has a panic button and an escape route. Sometimes, however, it is more fundamental, such as abandoning a building or making drivers and their managers responsible for at least part of their own accident claims.

"We have a system of developed budgets, which makes it both harder and easier. We cannot order, only persuade. We are using a stick and carrot approach. We have already installed a system where all units pay the first £150 of every claim. That is quite a lot out of an old people's day centre or a primary school budget.

"We are working on a risk assessment analysis of all our buildings; we are now logging all our claims so we can see the problem areas and act on them. It is all about raising awareness and training.

"In a year or two we will be bringing in a system in which those units that have not introduced risk management at any level will have to pay higher premiums than those that have."

But Mr Kennedy has done more than take risk management to every corner of his authority's 1,400 buildings, 26,000 staff and 3,000 vehicles: he has formed the Association of Local Authority Risk Managers (Alarm). In its first year, it has recruited 200 members.

An important function of Alarm is for risk managers to exchange experiences of the best way of integrating their function throughout the authority, the most cost-effective information systems and the changing patterns of claims.

Schools today have a one in eight chance of being damaged by fire every year. In Surrey recently, 8,000 gallons of heating oil was stolen from a school.

As the insurance premiums of an increasing number of councils come up for renewal, so more authorities are realising that they have to take action. Not least because the new, tougher insurance regime insists that without risk management there can be no cover.

Bill Sulman is Nottinghamshire County Council's principal insurance officer. "When I started in 1988 there was no interdepartmental co-ordination of risk management," he says. "When our fire claims rose from £500,000 to £1 million a year, we knew something more systematic had to be done.

"We now spend £500,000 a year on reducing risks and this programme will go on until 1996. We are also training risk managers at all of the council's premises. So far, we have trained 500. Alarm is important because liaison with other groups means that we do not waste time in reinventing the wheel."

Mr Kennedy adds: "In the end, introducing real risk management is about changing a culture and that is always difficult. Surrey and others may have bitten the bullet but many authorities are just paying out larger insurance premiums and more claims without realising there is a lot they can do."

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Scherbo ahead in quest for elusive perfection



SIMON BARNES
at the world gymnastics championships

HE HAS the pale face of a snooker player, or a convict. He is 21, but still has the blemished skin of an adolescent. There is a tiny feather of moustache at each corner of his mouth. He stands at 5ft 6½ and weighs just 10st 7lb. A slight, shambling figure in his shell-suit: hardly a head-turner.

Odd to think, then, that this is probably the nearest the body of the human male has come to perfection.

I had not expected to meet the most nearly perfect human of all time anywhere in the world, let alone in Birmingham. But I suddenly realised that this was what I was doing, as this gentle-mannered boy did his press conference stuff.

Vitaly Scherbo, of Belarus: the pale face of perfection. Not a man who would make you stop in the streets of Minsk. Slouching and agreeable, slight and exhausted, this was Scherbo the *übermensch*.

Perfect? One would not call him perfect in terms of Michelangelo's *David*, or of Arnold Schwarzenegger's lovingly tended masterpiece, Arnold Schwarzenegger. The narcissistic legions of body-builders would consider Scherbo an utter wimp.

But gymnastics is not a narcissistic sport: it is a sport that seeks not mere excellence but perfection. Scherbo is as near as we have ever got to perfection in action. Not exactly a wimp: we would do better to think of Scherbo as the strongest and most physically courageous man of all time.

This is not fanciful. Dr Craig Sharpe, one of the founding fathers of sports science and human physical potential, has carried out exhaustive tests on athletes of virtually all disciplines and he concludes that the greatest all-round ability, in terms of strength, endurance, suppleness and explosive power, is to be found in male gymnasts.

And gymnastics has been on one of the steepest improvement graphs seen in sport. The gold-medal routines of Olga Korbut's day are the everyday stuff of the good club gymnast these days. Every four years, on the Olympic cycle, they must toughen up the marking system. At the first world championships after an Olympic Games, the scoring system is changed and the winners are scoring 9.2s and 9.3s. By the time the Olympic Games have come round again and we are at the climax of the scoring system, the champions are hitting 9.95 and seeking the grail of the elusive 10. So, once again, everything must be changed to take inexorable improvement into account.

Scherbo, then, with six gold medals in Barcelona, is the best gymnast that ever lived, and therefore, by the Sharpe doctrine, must be the best all-round athlete that ever drew breath. The moustache may be vestigial, but the body, in terms of what Scherbo can do with it, is as close to perfection as any body has ever been.

Strong? I wonder how long Mike Tyson, or Geoff Capes, or any other legendary man of iron could hold the crucifix position on the rings. Brave? Graham Gooch and Joe Montana might blench at a triple somersault dismount from the high bar.

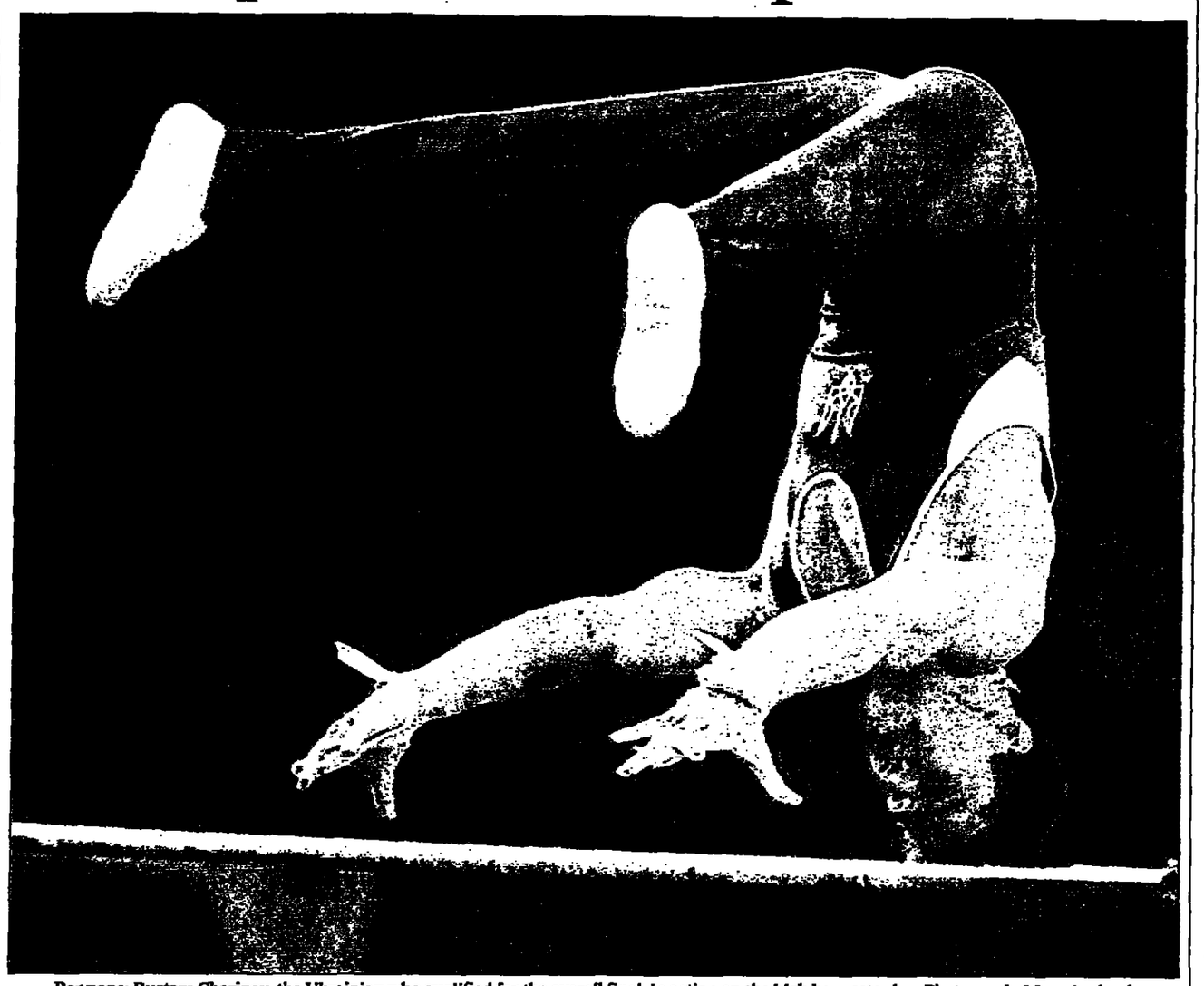
But — and here is the oddity — the strength and bravery is turned not to aggression and confrontation, but in towards itself, towards an elusive notion of perfection. Gymnastics may lack the drama of the confrontational sports, but one could certainly argue that it requires a gentler and far more admirable set of virtues.

"I competed very badly," Scherbo said yesterday, after completing a series of routines that had his audience gasping or purring according to temperament. "I made many small mistakes." Tonight, he goes into the blue riband, all-round event as convincing favourite.

"For me, everybody is dangerous," he said when asked to say who he feared. And how would he prepare himself in the 30 hours that remained before competition began? "Sleep. Sleep whole day. It will improve my performance."

The Soviets, for so long schooled to say nothing other than "I try hard, I do my best for my country", are slowly emerging as people as they learn about the bourgeois cult of the individual. And, in fact, there is a quietly hilarious side to Scherbo: at one stage he was gripped by a helpless giggling fit at his own teasing of a former Soviet team-mate. One never thought of Soviets as great gigglers: under the flag of Belarus, even the *übermensch* can giggle.

Scherbo has a new daughter, Christina. Do you want her to be a gymnast, Vitaly? "No!" Why not? "Well, look at me!" he said enigmatically, laughing at us all. "No, one is enough, I think." Still laughing to himself, he slouched off to bed. The following day, the *übermensch* must set out to conquer the world. Again.



Bar none: Rustam Charipov, the Ukrainian who qualified for the overall final, in action on the high bar yesterday. Photograph: Marc Aspland

BIRMINGHAM RESULTS

MEN: All-round (top 24, maximum two per team, through to final):- 1, V Scherbo (Belarus), 58.437pts; 2, S Charkov (Russ), 58.000; 3, A Wecker (Ger), 55.750; 4, V Belenky (unattached), 55.650; 5, I Ivankov (Belarus), 55.425; 6, V Lukin (Kaz), 55.350; 7, O Korobchinsky (Ukr), 55.225; 8, G Misutin (Ukr), 55.125; 9, D Karbanenko (Russ), 54.975; equal 10, A Kan (Belarus) and Y Chechi (It), 54.900; 12, R Charipov (Ukr), 54.875.

Equal 13, Z Supola (Hun) and C Fajkusz (Hun), 54.825; 15, A Nemov (Russ), 54.375; 16, P Gil-su (N Kor), 54.325; 17, M Gherman (Rom), 54.250; 18, H Tanaka (Japan), 54.225; 19, K Schupkegel (Hun), 54.200; 20, P Bucci (It), 54.100; 21, D Plybalko (Kaz), 54.000; 22, Hoang Huadong (China), 53.750; 23, J Jovischev (Bul), 53.700; 24, J-P Nilderow (Ger), 53.675; equal 25, I Ivanov (Bul), J Behrend (Ger) and A Ciuca (Rom), 53.500; equal 28, B Pinti (It) and S Keswick (US), 53.425; 30, D Giubellini (Switz), 53.350. British non-qualifiers: 49, M Campbell, 56, N Thomas; 84, P Bowler.

Individual apparatus standings: Qualifiers for final: Floor: 1, Nemov, 9.450; 2, Scherbo, 9.375; 3, Ivankov, 9.275; 4, Misutin, 9.325; 5, Thomas, 9.300; 6, Ivanov, 9.275; equal 7, M Gherman (Rom) and Korobchinsky, 9.250. Pommel horse: 1 Pae Gil-Su (N Kor), 9.700; equal 2, K Schupkegel (Hun) and C Waller (US), 9.375; equal 4, Wecker and Ciuca, 9.350; equal 6, Hunag Liping (China) and Lukin, 9.325; 8, Scherbo, 9.300. Rings: 1, Wecker, 9.475; 2, Lukin, 9.450; 3, Chechi, 9.425; 4, Yoo Ok-Ryul (S Kor), 9.375; 5, Keswick, 9.350; equal 6, Ivankov, D Burinca (Rom) and Charipov, 9.325. Vault: 1, Scherbo, 9.500; 2, Charkov, 9.475; equal 3, E Lopez (Cub), Yoo, Feng Chih Cheng (Tpe), 9.450, equal 6, Wang Feng, Lukin, 9.425; 8, Belenki, 9.400. Parallel bars: 1, Scherbo, 9.587; equal 2, Korobchinski, Belenki and Charipov, 9.500; 5, Charkov, 9.475; 6, Karbanenko, 9.425; 7, Kan, 9.400; 8, Huang Huadong. High bar: 1, Charkov, 9.500, 2, Scherbo, 9.450; 3, Keswick, 9.425, 4, Gherman, 9.350, 5, Karbanenko, 9.300; equal 6, Supola and Lukin, 9.250; 8, Korobchinsky, 9.225.

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Jackman offers reminder to rivals

By Colin McQuillan

CASSANDRA Jackman yesterday served notice that she presents a threat many had, perhaps, failed to recognise before the start of the Hi-Tec British Open championships at Lambs Club in London.

Aged 20, the national champion, world junior champion and already ranked third on the world list, Jackman had managed to drop out of immediate consideration this year while dealing with an Achilles tendon strain. In her absence, the retirement of Susan Devoy, the New Zealander who dominated eight of the last nine British Opens, triggered a battle for international precedence led, since the turn of the year, by the two leading Australians, Michelle Martin and Liz Irving, and England's world No. 2, Martine Le Moignan.

Yet yesterday, after a 33-minute 9-3, 9-1, 9-2 first-round win over Philippa Beams, of New Zealand, she showed that she poses a formidable challenge. "Actually, I am very fit from swimming and cycling," she said. "I have lost half a stone in weight from that and the flu [which caused her to miss the Guernsey Open last month] and I am pleased with my movement."

Some measure of her advance from junior promise to senior threat can be judged from the emergence of Sabine Schone, the German champion, as her second-round opponent over Donna Vardy, the Nottingham player, who was Jackman's predecessor as junior world champion. The draw then offers Jackman a probable quarter-final against Sue Wright, the young Kent player.

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Oxford students bring cold comfort to Durham's warm-up

BY MICHAEL HENDERSON

WHERE are the songs of spring? With the dawn of every cricket season, even this one, there comes hope of new blood for the old ceremony. Particularly this one. The arrival of the Australian touring party at the end of next week will at long last release cricket lovers from the grip of a painful winter. We might not be able to do with the Australians, but we cannot do without them.

In these fashion-conscious times, it can be difficult to see where cricket, our oldest and most venerated team game, fits into the altered design of sporting life. Perhaps it is like the Church of England, something to which many people feel a kinship without observing the trappings of the true believer.

There are similarities. When the Archbishop of Canterbury appeared on a recent video wearing a baseball hat, he must have nudged a few more waverers towards Rome. Apparently, it is all to do — wouldn't you know? — with that weasel word, relevance.

Yesterday's play, in the treelined splendour of The Parks, had nothing to do with relevance, and was scarcely the worse for it. Praise be, two of the Oxford students wore Harlequins caps of the kind Douglas Jardine sported when he wanted to goad the colonials. There are those who pooh-pooh traditions, many of them grander than the old-boy network, but this is a game which would wither without them. Sadly, too many modern players and administrators have forgotten that, so we end up with sponsors' logos on the outfield.

In its understated way, a secret to all save the couple of hundred initiates who gathered here and at Fenners, this day marked the start of the season. Until the first round of four-day championship matches begins a fortnight today, it is all a bit of a phoney war as county players roll up to the ancient universities and indulge themselves.

Apart from the tourist and university matches, Wednesday will now be a free day for first-class cricket. If Durham continue to bat as poorly as they did here, any days off will be devoted to naughty-boy nets. To be bowled out by Oxford University for 191 almost amounts to a dereliction of professional duty, even if they ended the day in a stronger position.

Oxford could do with a few more bowling days like this, and Cambridge, too. In the super-duper world of the modern game, when England dress up in the strip of Tetley United, and sight-screens are draped funeral black for the revamped Sunday slog, it is all they can do to keep their heads above water.

Jason Gallian, Oxford's captain, won the toss, opened the bowling, and at 5.40pm, was striding to the crease with a bat in his hand; every inch the man for every situation, the Alec Stewart of university cricket. Six balls later, he was on his way back, lbw to John Wood, the first of five wickets Durham reclaimed before stumps.

Nobody let Gallian down in the field. Rob MacDonald, one of seven Keble men in the side, broke the back of the innings with three wickets before lunch: Gregor MacMillan twirled out three more, and Lovell, symmetrically, held three neat slip catches. They will not enjoy many fuller days.

New boys of every age are always keen to make a good impression early on. Graeme Fowler, in his first innings as a Durham batsman, made just two. Attempting to scramble a second run after nudging Gallian behind point, he was beaten by Keey's throw, and wandered off looking like a man who had just bought a Hoover.

Jimmy Daley, who ended last season in the middle order, has a place to establish, and will not lack opportunity. Without his patient 41 — he was dropped at the wicket before he had scored — the Durham innings would have looked more ignoble. Berry, the last man out for 33, again gave notice of his all-round qualities.

"Unhappy is the land that needs heroes." Utter nonsense. The England team is currently good for a laugh, and the Pakistanis are making miserable noises in the Caribbean. If the game is to renew itself, we need some new faces in the old heroic mould. Yesterday, Ian Botham was fishing in Scotland.

Gooch steels himself to continue at helm

BY ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

GRAHAM Gooch is emerging from one of the phases of tortured self-deprecation that punctuate his career, and will undoubtedly continue as captain of the England cricket team against Australia this summer. The timing and length of his appointment, however, are less predictable.

England's cricket committee, chaired by Ted Dexter, has still not formally met since the end of the deflating winter tour, but now that Keith Fletcher, the team manager, has returned from a skiing holiday to file his tour report, the post-mortem is likely to take place next week.

Such is the length of their agenda, and the need to resolve sensitive contractual issues raised by complaints about the team's appearance on tour, that the captaincy will not immediately be discussed. An announcement could still be delayed until early May.

Gooch is not concerned by this. He, after all, is in the position of being considered by those who matter to be indispensable. Despite having presided over a remarkably unsuccessful tour of India, he could name his own date to stand down as captain.

Not for the first time, however, Gooch has complicated the matter. Yesterday, he gazed out on the very English splendour of the Hurlingham club and wondered aloud if the Test team would be better off with a new leader.

"All through my career, I have tried to do what is best for the team" he said. "Once or twice, this has involved offering to stand down as a player. After this tour, I honestly wasn't sure if the team's best interests would be served by me carrying on as captain.

"I have had time to think and I have had a long heart-to-heart talk with Ted [Dexter]. Now it is up to the committee. If they think it is right for me to go on, so be it. But whether I do the job or somebody else takes over, there is a hard summer ahead.

"The India tour was disappointing and I fear it has set us back quite a way. India played very well but we didn't make enough runs and we never looked like bowling them out. The guys tried, I am sure of that, but if we are going to beat Australia this summer we need to have a couple of bowlers capable of taking 25 wickets in a series."

Gooch, who lost a stone in weight through sickness while on tour, will be reappointed for the bulk of the Australian series, at least, although the selectors will be mindful of his apparently firm decision not to tour again and may want to introduce a successor before the end of the summer.

Gooch has also reconsidered the possibility of dropping down the batting order for both England and Essex. "I might do it in a few one-day games," he said, "but I want to go on opening in first-class cricket for this season at least."

After a lunch yesterday to launch Cornhill Insurance's sixteenth year of sponsoring Test cricket in England, Gooch accepted the England player of the Year Award. He was not the winner, but Chris Lewis and Alec Stewart, who shared the honour and £6,000, were able to attend.

☐ Marylebone Cricket Club will sponsor the Minor Counties Cricket Assocation knock-out competition, to be known as the MCC Trophy, for three years.

Derbyshire prosper

DERBYSHIRE have never prepared for a season so vigorously as they have this year (Ivo Tennant writes).

They were contending with pace and bounce in Bermuda before coming to the Fens, where the bowling is gentler, the pitches softer and the temperature not to be compared either. They prospered, nonetheless, to reach 380 for five at the close against Cambridge University.

There were centuries by John Morris, for whom every season seems to be an important one, and Tim O'Gorman, who has the concentration to make a decent score here regularly.

In most senses it was a typical spring day at Fenner's: lots of sweaters, plenty of runs from the visiting batsmen and keen out-cricket by the undergraduates.

In one sense it differed. A lap-top computer was used in the scorers' box, not without some difficulty since the hamburger van was operating off the same power circuit. A chart of Morris's innings, which could be obtained at the push of a key, showed how many of his runs came in the arc between mid-on and mid-off.

Gold Shot prevails in eventful Times final

JOHN POTTER

THE TIMES RISING STARS

BY JULIAN MUSCAT

GOLD Shot demonstrated all the qualities required of an up-and-coming young steeplechaser when holding off the spirited challenge of Royal Day in the The Times Rising Stars Hunter Chase Final at Worcester yesterday. Tim Jones drove the seven-year-old clear to win by one and a half lengths with the mare, Tamar Lass, rallying late to snatch second by a neck.

Gold Shot's trainer, Peter Bowen, from Haverfordwest, immediately endorsed the objective of the series by announcing he would aim his charge at next year's Foxhunter Chase at Cheltenham, a race won by Double Silk this year and the ill-fated Gold Cup second, Rushing Wild, before him.

Gold Shot, in receipt of 21lb, was beaten two and a half lengths by Sheer Jest in the Nottingham qualifier last month, but the ground was riding fast on that occasion. "He needs this ground," Bowen said. "He hasn't had it all season."

Jones kept Gold Shot to the wide outside throughout, forfeiting ground to the front-running Many A Slip. Royal Day was also prominent but The Jogger, who had the beating of Gold Shot at the weights, confined his chance to theory when he fell at the first of the 16 fences over this two miles seven furlong race.



Shot on target: Gold Shot, ridden by Tim Jones, clears the last on his way to victory at Worcester

Many A Slip still looked dangerous when approaching the last on the far side, he was pulled up with a tendon injury, leaving Gold Shot and Royal Day to settle down to their protracted duel. Tamar Lass, winner of the best turned out award, could never strike a blow at the winner, but this was an undeniably promising effort from the inexperienced mare.

Gold Shot's cause was helped by Royal Day's less than economical jumping and there was little doubt that he would maintain his lead up the long run-in. The last fence had been dolled off, making a run-in of more than two furlongs.

Jones, brother of Pip Nash, who had a bad fall riding over hurdles last season, had no doubt he would win from some way out. "He's a careful jumper and he was in front too long," he said. In a vignette which reflects the growing professionalism in point-to-point circles, Jones explained the decision to race wide: "I spoke to Richard Dunwoody and he told me where to find the best ground."

The inaugural Rising Stars final attracted the biggest field of the day and provided an eventful contest. The series is off to a good start.

RACE DETAILS

Going: heavy

4.00 TIMES RISING STARS HUNTER CHASE FINAL (Amateurs £7,002 2m 7f)

GOLD SHOT ch g Hard Fought - Carmdoc (R Mansell) 7-12-0 Mr T Jones (4-1 fav) 1.

Tamar Lass b m Sheab - La Jolie Fille (D du Plessis) 8-11-2 Mr D E Stephens (16-1) 2.

Royal Day ch g Deep Run - Lady Perkins (R Russell) 7-12-0 Mr R Russell (9-2) 3.

ALSO RAN 5 Foxgrove (bu), Many A Slip (ro), 6 Red Under The Bed (un), 9 The Jogger (f), 10 Frome Boy (5th), 20 Shamarpind (un), 50 First Design (4th) 10 ran 1½l, nk, dist, 2l. P Bowen at Haverfordwest Tote £4.70; £1.70, £4.70, £1.40 DF: £129.50 CSF: £56.61

FOR THE RECORD

FOOTBALL

Late results from Tuesday

FA PREMIER LEAGUE: Oldham 1 Sheff Utd 1.

BARCLAYS LEAGUE: First division: Cambridge 1, Watford 1, Luton 2, West Ham 0. Second division: Blackpool 2, Chester 0, Bournemouth 1, Burnley 1, Port Vale 1, Bradford 2, Third division: Rochdale 1, Bury 2; Scarborough 0, Colchester 1; Torquay 0, Barnet 1.

GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Slough 1, Wycombe 1.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Dundee United 0, Hibernian 3

WORLD CUP: Asian zone qualifying round: Group C: North Korea 4, Indonesia 0, Vietnam 2, Singapore 3

EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP: Austria 2, Bulgaria 0 (in Mödling), Denmark 1, Germany 4 (in Copenhagen); Luxembourg 0, Russia 6 (in Luxembourg). Romania 1, Cyprus 0 (in Bucharest)

SPANISH CUP: Quarter-final: Second leg: Barcelona 3, Real Valladolid 0 (agg 6-1).

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Queens Park Rangers 3, Portsmouth 0; Swindon Town 2, Chelsea 2

PONTINS LEAGUE: First division: Sheffield Wednesday 2, Aston Villa 2, Stoke City 3, Manchester United 3 Second division: Coventry City 1, Scunthorpe United 2, Everton 4, Preston North End 1, Wigan Athletic 3, Hull City 0

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Wokingham 3, Windsor and Eton 1

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Ballyclare 1, Linfield 3, Coleraine 0, Bangor 2, Glentoran 1, Distillery 1; Larne 0, Crusaders 1; Omagh 3, Glenavon 2, Portadown 2, Ballymena 0

FA YOUTH CUP: Semi-final, Second leg: Millwall 0, Manchester United 2 (agg 2-3)

SCHOOLS MATCHES: English Isle of Wight Festival: Blackheath 2, Coventry 1; Reading 0, Sheffield 3, Havant 0, Bradford 0; Vale of White Horse 2, Bury 2, East Barks 1, Peterborough 1, Bishop Auckland 0, Shenley Hill 0, Allendale 0, Gravesham 6, Gateshead 2, Wellingborough 2, Leeds 2, Plymouth 0, East Cornwall 0, Cambridge 3; Gosport 2, Scunthorpe 0, Huntingdon 3, Salford 3, Oxford 6, Thamesside 2, Isle of Wight 5, Doncaster 2; Manchester 6, Portsmouth 0. Other match: Chester 4, Hailbronn 1

NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Ferryhill 1, Chester Le Street 0, Tow Law 0, Northallerton 1.

DIADORA LEAGUE: Second division: Metropolitan Police 4, Banstead 1 Third division: Kingsbury 1, Northwood 1

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Paulton 0, Westbury 1; Plymouth Argyle 1, Tiverton 1.

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Houston Astros 9, Montreal Expos 6. St Louis Cardinals 3, Los Angeles Dodgers 7; San Francisco Giants 3, Florida Marlins 1, Philadelphia Phillies 4, Cincinnati Reds 1, Atlanta Braves 3, Chicago Cubs 2; New York Mets 8, Colorado Rockies 4; Pittsburgh Pirates 6, San Diego Padres 4.

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Boston Red Sox 6, Cleveland Indians 3, Detroit Tigers 20, Oakland Athletics 4, Toronto Blue Jays 6, Seattle Mariners 5, Chicago White Sox 4, Minnesota Twins 0, Texas Rangers 8, Baltimore Orioles 3.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Cleveland Cavaliers 112, Atlanta Hawks 109 (OT); Boston Celtics 96, Indiana Pacers 90; Orlando Magic 110, Milwaukee Bucks 91, New York Knicks 93, Washington Bullets 85, Houston Rockets 128, Los Angeles Lakers 107; Seattle SuperSonics 129, Minnesota Timberwolves 95, San Antonio Spurs 110, Sacramento Kings 100, Portland Trail Blazers 101, Los Angeles Clippers 99

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONS' CUP: Semi-finals (Athens): Benetton Treviso (It) 79, PAOK Salonica (Gr) 77, Limoges (Fr) 82, Real Madrid (Sp) 52

BOXING

MISSISSIPPI: Heavyweight: Larry Holmes (US) bt Ken Lakusta (Can) rtd 7th round

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE (NHL): Montreal Canadiens 3, Buffalo Sabres 2 (OT), Hartford Whalers 3, New York Islanders 3 (OT); Quebec Nordiques 6, Ottawa Senators 2; Toronto Maple Leafs 2, St Louis Blues 1 (OT), Chicago Blackhawks 3, Minnesota North Stars 2; Tampa Bay Lightning 5, Winnipeg Jets 3, Calgary Flames 4, Edmonton Oilers 2, Vancouver Canucks 7, Los Angeles Kings 4.

SPEEDWAY

BRITISH LEAGUE: First division: Bradford 54, Coventry 54

SQUASH

LAMB'S CLUB: Hi-Tec British Open Championships: First round: Men: R Eyles (Aus) bt A Hill (Aus), 9-7, 9-4, 9-0; C Walker (Eng) bt J Rasenberge (Eng), 7-9, 9-1, 9-3, 9-3; G Waste (Can) bt M Z Gul (Pak), 9-7, 9-2, 9-4, B Mann (Aus) bt J Nicolle (Eng), 9-2, 7-9, 9-5, 6-9, 9-6, P Whitlock (Eng) bt C Van der Wagh (SA), 9-4, 9-0, 6-9, 9-5; P Marshall (Eng) bt A Davies (Wales), 9-2, 9-5, 9-0, S Elopuro (Fin) bt H Wiens (Ger), 8-10, 9-4, 9-2, 5-0, disqualified; C Dittmar (Aus) bt S Frenz (Ger), 9-6, 9-3, 9-0. Women: M Martin (Aus) bt S Cawdry (SA), 9-0, 9-3, 9-3; F Geaves (Eng) bt S Suck (Ger), 9-3, 9-0, 9-4, H Wallace (Can) bt T Weeks (Aus), 9-1, 9-4, 9-2; S Bradley (Aus) bt A Mcknight (Ire), 9-3, 9-3, 9-1, C Jacsman (Eng) bt P Beams (NZ), 9-3, 9-1, 9-2, S Schone (Ger) bt D Wardle (Eng), 9-5, 6-9, 9-5, 9-4, S Wright (Eng) bt E Pierce (US), 2-9, 8-2, 9-3, 9-4.

CRICKET

Cambridge University v Derbyshire

FENNER'S (first day of three, Cambridge University won toss): Durham have scored 380 for five wickets against Cambridge University

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings

P D Bowler b Pearson	15
C J Adams c Arscott b Charlesworth	5
J E Morris b Charlesworth	130
† J G O'Gorman not out	130
F A Griffith c Charlesworth b Whittall	25
D G Cork c Arscott b Hasle	56
Extras (b 4, lb 7, nb 2)	13
Total (5 wkts)	380

*K J Barnett, †K M Krikken, A E Warner, R W Sladdin and S J Base to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-55, 3-229, 4-297, 5-380.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: *J P Crawley, G W Jones, J P Carroll, G M Charlesworth, R Cake, J Leppard, †J P Arscott, R M Pearson, A R Whittall, N J Hasle and P M C Millar to bat.

Umpires: B J Meyer and P Adams

Oxford Univ v Durham

THE PARKS (first day of three, Oxford University won toss): Oxford University, with five first-innings wickets in hand, are 157 runs behind Durham

DURHAM: First Innings

G Fowler run out	2
W Larkins c Gupte b Jeh	21
P W G Parker c MacMillan b MacDonald	17
P Bainbridge c Lovell b MacDonald	4
J A Daley c Townsend b MacMillan	41
I Smith b MacDonald	15
†C W Scott c Lovell b MacMillan	17
P J Berry c Townsend b MacMillan	33
J Wood lbw b Jeh	3
*D A Graveney c Lovell b Yeabsley	13
S J E Brown not out	2
Extras (b 10, lb 6, w 5, nb 2)	23
Total	191

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2, 2-42, 3-42, 4-52, 5-69, 6-116, 7-133, 8-138, 9-163

BOWLING: Jeh 19-3-47-2, Gallian 15-5-27-0, MacDonald 17-7-37-3; Yeabsley 20-6-46-1; Malik 3-1-7-0; MacMillan 9.2-1-21-3

OXFORD UNIVERSITY: First Innings

R R Montgomerie lbw b Wood	12
*J E R Gallian lbw b Wood	0
G I MacMillan lbw b Wood	0
G S T Lovell b Brown	0
C L Keey c Bainbridge b Wood	16
C M Gupte not out	5
Extras (lb 1)	1
Total (5 wkts)	34

H Malik, †C J Townsend, R Yeabsley, M Yeh and R H MacDonald to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-4, 3-12, 4-12, 5-34.

Umpires: M J Kitchen and P Willey

TENNIS

CHARLOTTE, North Carolina: US men's clay court championships: First round: D Witt (US) bt M Washington (US), 2-6, 6-3, 6-3; J Frana (Arg) bt L Namecek (Cz Rep), 6-4, 6-3, D Rostagno (US) bt L Lavalle (Mex), 6-1, 7-5; B Shelton (US) bt H Skoff (Austria), 6-3, 6-4; G Schaller (Austria) bt T Witsken (US), 6-4, 6-0; J Cunha-Silva (Por) bt T Champion (Fr), 2-6, 6-3, 6-0

HONG KONG OPEN: Men's tournament: Second round: J Courier (US) bt J Bates (GB), 6-1, 6-4; A Mansdorf (Isr) bt G Raoux (Fr), 6-3, 6-1, P McEnroe (US) bt J Siemerink (Holl), 6-4, 6-4, B Steven (NZ) bt T Ho (US), 5-7, 6-2, 6-2.

NICE, France: Men's tournament: First round: S Edberg (Swe) bt T Nijssen (Holl), 4-6, 6-2, 6-0; G Ivanisevic (Cro) bt O Delaitre (Fr) 6-4, 6-4, A Boetsch (Fr) bt R Gilbert (Fr), 1-6, 7-6, 6-1, M Ondruska (SA) bt T Guardiola (Fr), 6-3, 1-6, 7-6, B Becker (Ger) bt J Oncins (Br), 6-3, 3-6, 6-1.

PATTAYA, Thailand: Women's tournament: Second round: M Werdel (US) bt N Provis (Aus), 6-3, 6-4; S Testud (Fr) bt L Fang (China), 3-6, 6-3, 6-2; Y Basuki (Indo) bt M Joyer (GB), 7-6, 6-0, N Arandt (US) bt M Jaggard-Lai (Aus), 2-6, 6-3, 6-4

MIDLAND BANK JUNIOR COUNTY CUP: Boys: Group one (Bournemouth): Middlesex 7, Herts 2, Kent 6, Lincolnshire 3. Group two (Hatfield): Lancashire 8, Hampshire and IoW 1; Essex 6, Buckinghamshire 3, Yorkshire 8, Dorset 1, Surrey 5, Cheshire 4. Group three (Nottingham): Warwickshire 6, South Wales 3, Nottinghamshire 9, West of Scotland 0, Leicestershire 5, Avon 4, Sussex 6, Somerset 3 Group four (Sloughbridge): Northamptonshire 5, Norfolk 4, Durham and Cleveland 5, Derbyshire 4, North of Scotland 9, Staffs 0, Hereford and Worcestershire 9, Cambridgeshire 0 Group five (Boston): Berkshire 7, Northumberland 2, Cornwall 5, Devon 4, Wiltshire 9, Gloucestershire 0; Oxfordshire 5, Bedfordshire 4, Group six (Glasgow): East of Scotland 7, Isle of Man 2, North Wales 9, Channel Islands 0, Cumbria 6, South of Scotland 3, Suffolk 7, Shropshire 2.

FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

GM Vauxhall Conference

Wycombe v Runcorn (7.45)

PONTINS LEAGUE: First division: Leicester v Notts County (7.0)

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Chelsea v Watford (7.0), Norwich v West Ham (7.30).

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Les Phillips Cup: Semi-final: Tiverton v Saltash (7.30).

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Southern division: Newport Iow v Buckingham (7.30)

RUGBY LEAGUE

Stones Bitter Championship

Leeds v Leigh (7.30)

CRICKET

Second day of three

FENNER'S: Cambridge University v Derbyshire (11.30).

THE PARKS: Oxford University v Durham (11.30)

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: Carlsberg League, Quarter-final play-offs, Second legs: Men: First division: London Towers v Derby Bucks (8.0)

SQUASH: Hi-Tec British Open (at Wembley from today)

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 48

ENUCLEATE

(c) To extract an eye from its socket. A. Bennett, *Whom God Hath Joined*, "I had to have an oculist at last. I could not sleep, and he enucleated the eye, as the term is".

TAOVALA

(a) In Tonga, a piece of fine matting worn around the waist over a *vala* or Tongan kilt (and without which one is considered not properly dressed). Worn by the male (with the exception of the queen as monarch,) it should be torn in several places, to show that the wearer does not set himself above his fellows.

NIAOULI

(b) An evergreen tree, *Melaleuca quinquenervia*, of the family Myrtaceae, native to New Caledonia. *Public Opinion*: "A mat of pandanus leaves served for his sail and a paddle of niaouli wood for its helm."

RAMBO

(a) A variety of a cooking apple, which also can be eaten if desired. It ripens late in autumn and has a yellowish, red-streaked skin. G. Stratton-Porter, *Laddie*: "There was a teasing fragrance in the spiced vinegar for pickles, a reminder of winesap and rambo in the boiling cider."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

Immediate checks by moving the knight are unsuccessful, but 1 Rh4! does the trick, as 1 ... Nd3+ is met by 2 Ke2! If 1 ... h5 2 Nxh5+ f6 3 Nxf6+ forces mate.

SPORTS LETTERS

Law foisted on world game without prior consultation

From Mr J. L. Wall

Sir, The vote of no confidence in the Welsh Rugby Union General Committee could pale into insignificance if, as widely predicted, the International Rugby Football Board (IRFB) feels obliged to ratify the controversial and undemocratically imposed experimental ruck and maul law, when it meets in Edinburgh later this month after the World Sevens.

It is not only that the experiment is, for so many, fundamentally flawed, or that at the highest level of the game all the leading international coaches except New Zealand's Laurie Mains, have now expressed outright opposition or serious reservation. It is that this was a law foisted on the world game, without prior consultation or debate, for which there was no intrinsic case, call or clamour and which apparently was little more than the brainchild of a small rump of Australian administrators led by one Dr Roger Vanderfield.

That they were initially intent, so the story goes, in countering the traditional appeals of Australian Rules and Aussie League, a past-time for which there seems no close season whatsoever, down under, only lends credence to the complaint that it was prematurely and improperly imposed on the world game without the due process of consultation and consensus, it beholds any international body to obtain, if it is to retain full credibility.

There is also a need to be certain to what extent (if any, of course) the role of the IRFB is being predetermined by the Southern Hemisphere Rugby Alliance (SHRA) which has already met in Wellington last month in advance of the IRFB agm. It would be quite wrong, I contend, if the board were presented with a fait accompli or pre-established core of set opinion, and if this was the case, would only further fuel concern over lack of consultation.

Sadly, it would seem, even fears cannot be restricted to the ruck and maul. The southern hemisphere has already unilaterally sanctioned the introduction of tactical substitutes and commercial "quarter-time" water breaks for its Super-Ten competitors, action, contrary to board rules, and which surely and strictly must place those responsible outside the laws they are bound to uphold, and above their stations.

The course back to an even keel should be obvious and in the first place, the ruck-maul experiment should be returned to the "Four-Year Bin" from whence it came, and a broader debate on its merits instituted, so that a more-democratically arrived at decision can be put in place in 1996 that does not bypass so much leading opinon as has clearly happened to date.

Yours faithfully,
JEFFREY L. WALL,
14, Cavendish Road,
Barnet, Herts.

Under fire

From Mr R. R. Bates

Sir, D. N. Dow, as a German, (Sports Letter, April 8) should not cast aspersions too readily at linesmen.

In the closing moments of the 1954 World Cup final in Berne between West Germany and Hungary, it was again a linesman who flagged offside Puskas's seemingly-good equalising goal, so enabling West Germany to become champions.

Yours faithfully,
R. R. BATES,
132, Lord Sefton Way,
Gt Altcar,
Merseyside.

From Mr S. E. Rice

Sir, Do I detect a whiff of sour grapes from Mr Dow, who suggests the linesman who allowed England's third goal in the 1966 World Cup final has done more for English football than anyone in the last 100 years?

After all, would it really have made that much difference if England had won the match 3-2 instead of 4-2?

Yours faithfully,
SIMON RICE,
643, Great West Road,
Isleworth, Middlesex.

From Mr C. Scard

Sir, As a spectator at Wembley on July 30, 1966, in an advantageous position to witness England's third goal and in the convivial company of several German fans who were very generous with their Lowenbrau, let me assure Herr Dow that I saw all three balls, propelled by the Hurst triplets, cross all three lines.

This sighting was confirmed by the Bakhramov troika and by my German friends-for-the-day.

Yours faithfully,
C. SCARD,
21, Abbatt Close,
Ludgershall,
Nr. Andover,
Hampshire.

Role models

From Mr Peter Rayner

Sir, David Miller (report, April 13) seems to disapprove of the sportsmanship and camaraderie manifested by Chip Beck enjoying the company of Bernhard Langer during the last round of the US Masters: he would rather the Americans adopted a more bellicose approach born of hurt-within-defeat.

I for one would wish that there were more Chip Becks in the general sport arena: society might well benefit in so many ways; and the young, in particular, might strive to emulate better role models.

Yours faithfully,
PETER RAYNER,
Horseshoe Cottage,
Markbeech,
Nr. Edenbridge,
Kent.

Look ahead

From Mr T. Ballard

Sir, I, too, agree with E. M. Hall (April 8) that rowing does reflect some of the skills and attitudes we require as a nation if we are to succeed in a competitive world.

However, speaking as a regular racing canoeist, I feel that one reason that the country does not succeed as well it might is the fact that we train some of the country's finest brains to look backwards at what has been achieved in the past rather than to the future and the challenges ahead.

Yours faithfully,
TERRY BALLARD,
12, Nailsworth Close,
Worcester.

Honest intent

From Mr J. E. Humphrey

Sir, Well! Simon Barnes (report, April 6) has said his bit about the racing authorities.

I don't know whether he even does anything other than write about what others do: but if he does, I hope he will be credited with honest intent and not accused of the "self-serving mindlessness" which he attributes to the racing establishment, of whom he writes as if they were enemies of society, reckless about hurt and disaster.

Yours faithfully,
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Harwood critical of Jockey Club's declaration system

So Factual forfeits classic chance

By Richard Evans
Racing Correspondent

THE bowler hat and red flag wing of racing, sometimes referred to as the Jockey Club, excelled itself as it only knows how at Newmarket yesterday when another incomprehensible and archaic practice made the sport look foolish.

After So Factual had won the day's feature race, the European Free Handicap, it emerged that the Khaled Abdulla-owned colt had been taken out of the 2,000 Guineas on Tuesday. The reason for his removal was the ill-timed forfeit stage for the colts' classic, which requires owners to decide whether to pay extra to remain in the big race before the first Guineas trials have been run at the Craven meeting.

The rule, set out by the Jockey Club, explained Nick Lees, Newmarket's clerk of the course, stipulates that the forfeit stage for the race must be between 18 and 24 days before the 2,000 Guineas and on a Tuesday. Owners have to pay £935 if they wish to keep a horse in the race, even though they almost certainly have not seen the horse run since its two-year-old days.

Khaled Abdulla, by far the shrewdest of the leading overseas owners, had six horses in the 2,000 Guineas but decided on Tuesday to pay the extra only for Zafonic and Wharf.

There appears no sensible reason for having a forfeit stage before the classic trials have been run, and the nonsensical deadline clearly annoyed Guy Harwood, the trainer of So Factual, and the Abdulla camp. Harwood, who has sent a strongly-worded letter to Lees, said after yesterday's race: "It seems ridiculous but it's the rule and I have kicked up a fuss. *Here we have three classic trials, yet the foreit stage is before they have taken place.*"

After the Free Handicap, Harwood would have liked the opportunity to consider running So Factual in the 2,000 Guineas, and given the way the Known Fact colt stormed home by a length and a half from Revelation he would have been sorely tempted to run him. "It is annoying not to have the opportunity," he added. So Factual could be supplemented for the French 2,000 Guineas, although the July Cup looks a more likely target.

Grant Pritchard-Gordon, Abdulla's racing manager, said: "Today highlights a problem and it is something which should be looked at. We would rather pay more money closer to the race rather than have to make a decision two and a half weeks before. It would have been preferable to have had the opportunity to decide after today's race whether So Factual should stay in the 2,000 Guineas."

Lees, who pointed out that Harwood had been a member of the Jockey Club's race planning committee for ten years, said he could see the reason for the dissatisfaction but added: "It is an old defence but the foreit rule has been like this since Guy Harwood and I have been around."

Such a defence of an old fashioned practice is laughable and strengthens the case for the Jockey Club to conduct a root and branch review of its rules and practices.

Pritchard-Gordon confirmed that Tenby's target would be the Thresher Classic Trial at Sandown, while Armiger would be aimed at the Tote Dante Stakes at York.

The 2,000 Guineas remains a puzzle. Corals have withdrawn Zafonic from their ante-post lists, but their prices are no more generous than those of their main competitors, who retain the Andre Fabre-trained favourite in their lists. William Hill and Ladbrokes both reported support for Zafonic yesterday and shortened him to 2-1 and 7-4 respectively.



Big-race hope: Tenby was yesterday announced a runner in the Thresher Classic Trial at Sandown

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: PLACERVILLE
(3.05 Newmarket)
Next best: Barathea
(3.40 Newmarket)

Scudamore joins enquiry

PETER Scudamore, who retired from the saddle last week, is to join the Jockey Club's representative working group to review start and recall procedures in the light of the 1993 Martell Grand National being declared void.

Scudamore was extremely critical of the Jockey Club after the Grand National, and is being taken on as independent adviser. Other members include jockeys Richard Fox and Ronnie Beggan, and several Jockey Club and racecourse representatives.

The group, chaired by Andrew Parker Bowles, will meet for the first time at Portman Square today. No public statements on their progress will be made until they have completed their investigations and submitted recommendations to the stewards.

FONTWELL PARK

THUNDERER
2.30 Cooley's Valve. 3.00 Saraville. 3.30 Greenhills Pride. 4.00 Clever Shepherd. 4.30 Ginger Tristan. 5.00 St Athans Lad.

Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.00 SARAVILLE.

GOING: GOOD SIS

2.30 AMBERLEY NOVICES HURDLE
(£1,475: 2m 2f) (16 runners)

1 FF11 GANDOUGE GLEN 23 (CD,F,G,S) J Gifford 6-12-0 ... P Hide (5)
2 -401 COOLEY'S VALVE 19 (F) N Henderson 5-11-8 ... R Dunwoody
3 2134 CROWN BALADEE 58 M Usher 6-11-8 ... H Davies
4 U136 SURE PRIDE 5 (CD,F) A Moore 5-11-8 ... G Moore
5 00-0 ENVOPAK MAJOR 124 G Humphrey 6-11-2 ... A Tory
6 3F3U GREENHEART 22 (F,G) R Townsend 10-11-2 ... S McNeill
7 P HOLD IM TIGHT 91 R Frost 5-11-2 ... J Frost
8 10 NEWTON POINT 13F (BF,G) G Pritchard-Gordon 4-11-2 ... S Smith Eccles
9 105 TAX THE DEVIL 93 (BF,S) S Dow 5-11-2 ... A Dicken (5)
10 00PP WILL BONNY 43 D Jenny 6-11-2 ... J Neaves (7)
11 450/ ALTAR POINT 772 Mrs L Jewell 9-10-11 ... J White
12 ANISESNO 947F N Callaghan 6-10-11 ... Mr G Pewter (7)
13 HIGHTOWN-PRINCESS 19F M Muggeridge 5-10-11 ... P Holley
14 242F MAMALAMA 31 J Bridger 5-10-11 ... Rachel Bridger (7)
15 P-42 PENNETHORNE PLACE 23 (G) D Grissell 8-10-11 ... Peter Hobbs
16 WAVE HILL 194F P Hedger 4-10-10 ... D O'Sullivan (3)

8-13 Cooley's Valve, 11-2 Gandouge Glen, 8-1 Pennethorne Place, 16-1 others.

3.00 TRUNDLE NOVICES CHASE
(£2,195: 3m 2f 110yd) (8)

1 2121 SARAVILLE 15 (F,S) M Pipe 6-11-8 ... J Osborne
2 P322 FATHER DOWLING 21 (V,CD,G) G Balding 6-11-8 ... A Maguire
3 V125 RU VALENTINO 29 (F,G) J Edwards 9-11-8 ... N Williamson
4 4015 VICOMPT DE VALMONT 36 (B,BF,G,S) N Henderson 8-11-8 ... R Dunwoody
5 3U13 MIGHTY FROLIC 15 (F) M McCormack 6-11-3 ... I Lawrence
6 3/PP FOR PETER 15 G Peter-Hoblyn 8-11-2 ... D Geoghegan (5)
7 04/ STAR BLEND 1053 Mrs L Jewell 11-11-2 ... J White
8 6250 LASTING MEMORY 22 (F,S) R Frost 7-10-11 ... J Frost

Evens Saraville, 5-2 Ru Valentino, 5-1 Father Dowling, 8-1 Vicompt De Valmont, 12-1 Mighty Frolic, 50-1 others.

3.30 LIDSEY CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,910: 2m 6f) (15)

1 332F WINGCOMMANDER EATS 182 (F,G,S) P Hobbs 8-11-10 ... B Clifford
2 5004 CHAMOIS BOY 23 (D,G,S) R O'Sullivan 9-11-4 ... D O'Sullivan
3 0/PP MALLYPHA 23 (B,F,G,S) P Howling 9-11-3 ... J McCarthy
4 431P BRIGHTLINS BOY 25 (D,F) D Grissell 8-11-1 ... D Fortt
5 234P MICK'S TYCOON 14 (V,D,G,S) T McGovern 5-11-1 K Comerford
6 0510 GREENHILLS PRIDE 78 (F,S) J Jenkins 9-10-11 ... S D Williams
7 -P03 INVITE D'HONNEUR 5 (G) C Broad 11-10-9 ... V Slattery
8 3-PP SOLENT LAD 3 (B,F,G,S) B Stevens 10-10-8 ... M Stevens
9 -425 IN THE SPOTLIGHT 38 (B,C,G) R Curtis 5-10-5 ... G Crone (5)
10 0003 ACROSS THE CARD 41 (B) A Moore 5-10-0 ... J Clarke
11 0UP6 OUT'N'OUT 51 J Jenkins 5-10-0 ... A Wingate (5)
12 P0EF MILTON BRYAN 51 (F) R Voorspuy 6-10-0 ... D Salter
13 P6P/ COPPER STREAK 684 (G,S) P Jones 11-10-0 ... D Leahy
14 55-3 GORDANO 253 (F) D Jenny 6-10-0 ... J Neaves
15 0536 LADY POLY 5 R Stone 5-10-0 ... Leesa Long

9-2 Wingcommander Eats, 11-2 Greenhills Pride, 6-1 Across the Card, Chamois Boy, 8-1 Invite D'Honneur, Mick's Tycoon, 10-1 In The Spotlight, 12-1 others.

4.00 NYTON HANDICAP CHASE
(£2,616: 3m 2f 110yd) (13)

1 2623 CLEVER SHEPHERD 24 (C,F,G) P Hobbs 8-11-10 Peter Hobbs
2 5022 NO GRANDAD 51 (D,BF,S) J Upson 9-11-8 ... R Supple
3 0-45 A LAD INSANE 159 (F) K Bailey 12-11-3 ... A Tory
4 6P-1 TOCHENKA 12 (F,G) N Twiston-Davies 9-10-12 ... C Llewellyn
5 0U21 LITTLE GENERAL 23 (D,F) R Rowe 10-10-12 ... J Osborne
6 0645 PAMPERING 40 (D,G,S) M Meade 12-10-9 ... J Railton
7 3136 COLONEL O'KELLY 15 (G) D Barons 9-10-8 ... N Hawke
8 5P36 HEIGHT OF FUN 14 (F,S) C Popham 9-10-7 ... M A Fitzgerald
9 560U VALASSY 12 (G,S) J Edwards 10-10-6 ... N Williamson
10 P210 THATS THE BUSINESS 22 (V,D,F) G Balding 9-10-5 ... A Maguire
11 PRP4 FATHER JOHN 23 (B,D,F) M Muggeridge 9-10-5 ... W Irvine
12 4PPP ROCKY VULGAN 3 (B) Miss L Bower 10-10-0 ... D Gallagher
13 5F46 ANOTHER TROUP 36 (F,G) R Townsend 11-10-0 ... S McNeill

6-4 Tochenka, 5-1 No Grandad, 6-1 Clever Shepherd, Little General 8-1 Colonel O'Kelly, 12-1 A Lad Insane, 16-1 Thats The Business, 20-1 others.

4.30 ROYAL VETERINARY COLLEGE CHALLENGE TROPHY NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE
(£1,475: 2m 6f) (17)

1 0124 HAPPY HORSE 33 (D,S) D Barons 6-11-8 ... S McNeill
2 0054 BRUCE BUCKLEY 24 J Jenkins 5-11-2 ... A Maguire
3 4P44 CARABUCK 35 R Rowe 6-11-2 ... T Grantham
4 -3P2 DEEPENDABLE 35 (BF) N Henderson 6-11-2 ... R Dunwoody
5 2336 GINGER TRISTAN 56 D Grissell 7-11-2 ... Peter Hobbs
6 -643 MOST RICH 91 T Forster 5-11-2 ... H Davies
7 PP03 STRONG BREEZE 14 C Popham 9-11-2 ... A Webb
8 0-60 THE WHIP 41 D Grissell 6-11-2 ... Peter Hobbs
9 5-24 UNION CASTLE 126 J Edwards 7-11-2 ... N Williamson
10 04F3 WELSH COTTAGE 22 J Gifford 6-11-2 ... D Murphy
11 042F WOODLANDS BOY 8 T Etherington 5-11-2 ... G McCourt
12 00/4 APRIL'S MODEL LADY 21 N Twiston-Davies 7-10-11 C Llewellyn
13 R/P DOUBLE THE BLACK 8 Miss C Caroe 8-10-11 ... I Lawrence
14 FRENCH PLEASURE D Gandolfo 7-10-11 ... P Holley
15 P GREEN WALK 85 R Rowe 6-10-11 ... Mr C Burnett-Wells (5)
16 PPP0 LIZZIES LASS 21 F Gray 8-10-11 ... M Crosse
17 D TONY MURPHYS LADY 87 J Upson 7-10-11 ... R Supple

4-1 Ginger Tristan, 5-1 Deependable, 6-1 Welsh Cottage, 7-1 Union Castle, 8-1 Most Rich, 10-1 Carabuck, 12-1 April's Model Lady, 16-1 others.

5.00 ROBERT GORE MEMORIAL CHALLENGE CUP HANDICAP CHASE (£2,421: 2m 2f) (5)

1 0311 ST ATHANS LAD 23 (B,CD,F,G) R Curtis 8-11-10 ... D Morris
2 1-33 GENERAL JAMES 16 (F,G) J Gifford 10-11-8 ... D Murphy
3 U633 UP-A-POINT 73 (CD,BF,F,G,S) P Hobbs 8-11-6 ... Peter Hobbs
4 2P51 GREENWINE 24 (F,G) Mrs L Richards 7-10-0 ... A Maguire
5 4644 MASTER COMEDY 3 (B,CD,F,S) Miss L Bower 9-10-0 ... N Williamson

11-8 St Athan's Lad, 5-2 Up-A-Point, 7-2 Greenwine, 13-2 General James, 14-1 Master Comedy

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: G Pritchard-Gordon, 5 winners from 12 runners, 41.7%, M Pipe, 35 from 92, 38.1%; P Hobbs, 16 from 52, 30.8%; N Henderson, 6 from 26, 23.1%; M Usher, 3 from 13, 23.1%; J Gifford, 37 from 173, 21.4%.

JOCKEYS: S Smith Eccles, 12 winners from 35 rides, 34.3%; G McCourt, 9 from 31, 29.0%; J Frost, 16 from 62, 25.8%; D Morris, 17 from 75, 22.7%; Peter Hobbs, 16 from 73, 21.9%; D Murphy, 11 from 51, 21.6%.

☐ Trainer Ferdy Murphy landed 247-1 four-timer at Worcester yesterday. It also completed a treble for Adrian Maguire at odds of almost 70-1.

RIPON

THUNDERER
2.15 Rapier Point. 2.45 Drum Sergeant. 3.15 Just You Dare. 3.45 Broughtons Formula. 4.15 Dokkha Oyston. 4.50 Smarginato.

GOING: SOFT DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE SIS

2.15 EBF COCKED HAT SUPREME MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,260: 5f) (9 runners)

1 ARKINDALE SPIRIT M W Easterby 9-0 ... T Lucas 9
2 NOSMO KING J Berry 9-0 ... J Carroll 8
3 PRINCE SKYBURD M Avison 9-0 ... L Charnock 3
4 2 RAPIER POINT 8 P Haslam 9-0 ... Dean McKeown 7
5 BOLLIN MARY M H Easterby 8-9 ... M Birch 5
6 FLYING VISION J Carr 8-9 ... S Morris 4
7 LAMBENT E Weymes 8-9 ... W Newnes 2
8 STIMULANT J Watts 8-9 ... G Duffield 6
9 3 UP THE MARINERS 15 G Fleming 8-9 ... R P Elliott 1

Evens Rapier Point, 4-1 Nosmo King, 6-1 Up The Mariners, 8-1 Bollin Mary, 12-1 Arkindale Spirit, Stimulant, 16-1 others.

2.45 COCKED HAT QUALITY CLAIMING STAKES
(£2,831: 5f) (9)

1 1-23 ANOTHER EPISODE 47 (D,F,G,S) J Berry 4-9-7 ... J Carroll 5
2 502- CRYSTAL JACK 177 (D,F,G,S) F Lee 5-9-7 ... S Perks 6
3 /400 SAVAHRA SOUND 22 (F,G,S) D Chapman 8-9-6 ... D Nicholls 7
4 1-05 DRUM SERGEANT 8 (B,D,F,S) J Parkes 6-9-4 ... A Garth (5) 4
5 000- BALLAD DANCER 199 (D,G,S) Mrs P Barker 8-8-12 G Duffield 2
6 60-3 EVER SO LONELY 16 (B,D,F,S) A Bailey 4-8-7 ... D Wright (7) 1
7 4300 MARTINA 21 (D,F) J Wharton 5-8-7 ... J Williams 3
8 0- CORONA GOLD 230 Jimmy Fitzgerald 3-8-2 ... K Fallon 9
9 000- DARDANELLE 342 W Barker 3-7-7 ... Darren Moffatt (7) 8

9-4 Another Episode, 11-4 Crystal Jack, 5-1 Drum Sergeant, 8-1 Corona Gold, Martina, 10-1 Ever So Lonely, 20-1 others.

3.15 COCKED HAT COCK O'THE NORTH HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £5,385: 1m) (5)

1 011- MHEMEANLES 159 (F,G,S) M H Easterby 9-7 ... S Maloney (3) 3
2 00-2 WORDSMITH 19 Mrs J Ramsden 8-2 ... K Fallon 5
3 14-1 JUST YOU DARE 12 (D,G) M Prescott 8-1 ... G Duffield 4
4 30-1 THE PREMIER EXPRES 7 (D,S) W Bentley 8-0 (6ex) K Darley 1
5 2-36 I'M A DREAMER 14 (D) W Haigh 7-12 ... Dale Gibson 2

6-4 Mhemeanles, 2-1 Just You Dare, 4-1 Wordsmith, 8-1 I'm A Dreamer, 10-1 The Premier Expres.

3.45 COCKED HAT 21st BIRTHDAY HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £3,622: 1m 4f 60yd) (5)

1 426- MANILA BAY 230 M Bell 9-7 ... M Fenton (5) 4
2 2122 BROUGHTONS FORMULA 8 (B,BF) W Musson 8-11 ... D McCabe (7) 3
3 60-0 MASTER FIDDLER 8 E Weymes 8-6 ... J Fanning 5
4 40-5 HARLESTONE BROOK 14 J Dunlop 8-2 ... G Carter 1
5 06-0 SAFETY IN NUMBERS 8 Mrs J Ramsden 7-10 ... J Quinn 2

10-11 Broughtons Formula, 3-1 Safety In Numbers, 5-1 Manila Bay, 6-1 Harlestone Brook, 12-1 Master Fiddler.

4.15 COCKED HAT PARIS APPRENTICE HANDICAP (£2,924: 5f) (10)

1 600- GONDO 159 (D,F,S) E Alston 6-10-0 ... S Knott (10) 1
2 500- GENERAL JOHN 134 P Haslam 4-10-0 ... C Adamson (10) 8
3 01-0 DOKKHA OYSTON 15 (D,G) J Berry 5-10-0 ... P Roberts (8) 2
4 030- BEST EFFORT 134 (D,F,S) M Naughton 7-9-5 ... V Halliday 3
5 00-5 WE'RE ALL GAME 9 (D,S) B Morgan 4-9-4 ... S Mulvey 6
6 0505 KALAR 42 (B,D) D Chapman 4-8-5 ... D McCabe 9
7 36-2 THE RIGHT TIME 16 (B,F,S) J Parkes 8-8-3 ... G Parkin 10
8 5620 HINARI VIDEO 16 (D,G,S) M Johnston 8-8-2 ... M Baird (3) 4
9 1103 LAST STRAW 42 (D) A Jones 5-7-13 ... Claire Balding 7
10 2-53 TOMMY TEMPEST 16 K Burke 4-7-12 ... P McCabe 5

3-1 Tommy Tempest, 7-2 The Right Time, 11-2 Dokkha Oyston, 7-1 Last Straw, 8-1 Hinari Video, 12-1 Gondo, 14-1 Best Effort, Kalar, 20-1 others.

4.50 COCKED HAT SERVICE STAKES
(3-Y-O: £3,080: 1m) (6)

1 6-00 NUTTY BROWN 20 S Norton 9-0 ... O Pears (5) 4
2 00-2 PANTHER 5 J Hetherton 9-0 ... K Darley 1
3 203- SKY WISH 211 Miss S Hall 9-0 ... N Connorton 5
4 02-2 SMARGINATO 14 (BF) J Dunlop 9-0 ... G Carter 3
5 302- MISSA BREVIS 183 J Watts 8-9 ... G Duffield 6
6 504- YOUNG TESS 191 Miss S Hall 8-9 ... S Webster 2

6-4 Smarginato, 2-1 Missa Brevis, 5-1 Panther, 7-1 Nutty Brown, 12-1 Young Tess, 14-1 Sky Wish.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: J Dunlop, 5 winners from 19 runners, 26.3%; J Wharton, 4 from 19, 21.1%; J Berry, 19 from 99, 19.2%; M Prescott, 3 from 16, 18.8%; P Haslam, 5 from 36, 13.9%; J Watts, 7 from 56, 12.5%.

JOCKEYS: K Darley, 21 winners from 132 rides, 15.9%; G Carter, 9 from 66, 13.6%; J Carroll, 11 from 82, 13.4%; M Birch, 22 from 168, 13.1%; S Perks, 6 from 53, 11.3%; N Connorton, 9 from 82, 11.0%.

Blinkered first time

NEWMARKET: 2.00 Mr Luciano

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THUNDERER
2.00 Big Sky. 2.35 Dime Bag. 3.05 Placerville. 3.40 Barathea. 4.10 **NORTHERN BIRD (nap)**. 4.45 Lord Sky.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.00 Dramanice. 3.05 **PLACERVILLE (nap)**. 3.40 Wharf.

GOING: GOOD DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE SIS

2.00 GRANBY MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O colts and geldings: £3,947: 7f) (18 runners)

101 (2) 0- ANORAK 167 (R Hubbard) L Cumani 9-0 ... R Cochrane –
102 (17) 53- AROOM 167 (H Al-Maktoum) C Brittain 9-0 ... W Carson 99
103 (7) AUTUMNIS (K Abdulla) B Hills 9-0 ... Pat Eddery –
104 (6) BIG SKY (L Mannopoulos) H Cecil 9-0 ... W Ryan –
105 (8) 00- BURNT IMP 167 (J Richmond-Watson) G Harwood 9-0 ... M Hills 92
106 (3) DODDINGTON PLAYER (J Bower) R Hollinshead 9-0 ... S Perks –
107 (4) 44- DRAMANICE 167 (W Farish III) Mrs J Cecil 9-0 ... L Dettori 98
108 (5) 0- FASHIONABLE DANCER 197 (M Lemos) C Brittain 9-0 ... A Munro –
109 (12) FULL FEATHER (A Speelman) J Gosden 9-0 ... D Holland –
110 (18) 5- GLEN ECHO 166 (S Cohn) G Harwood 9-0 ... T Quinn 98
111 (9) LOWER EGYPT (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 9-0 ... M Roberts –
112 (14) 4-00 MR LUCIANO 9 (V) (Mrs A Smith) Allan Smith (Bel) 9-0 ... R P Elliott 73
113 (10) 06- MUJAWAB 176 (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 9-0 ... R Hills 82
114 (13) 0- RED WHIRLWIND 239 (Sheikh Mohammed) M Stoute 9-0 ... W R Swinburn –
115 (1) 66- SCUSI 181 (Lord Howard de Walden) W Jarvis 9-0 ... J Reid 91
116 (11) STONEY VALLEY (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 9-0 ... Paul Eddery –
117 (15) 40- TIMOTHY CASEY 280 (W Gredley) N Wright 9-0 ... V Smith 98
118 (16) 53- WISHAM 174 (P Goulandris) B Hanbury 9-0 ... B Raymond 95

BETTING: 2-1 Big Sky, 6-1 Autumnis, Dramanice, 8-1 Aroom, Lower Egypt, 10-1 Wisham, 12-1 Anorak, Scusi, 14-1 Glen Echo, Stoney Valley, 16-1 Mujawab, Red Whirlwind, 20-1 Full Feather, 25-1 others

1992: KING OLAF 9-0 Pat Eddery (11-4) P Chapple-Hyam 15 ran

FORM FOCUS

AROOM 2l 3rd of 20 to Serious in maiden here (6f, good) with DRAMANICE head 4th and ANORAK 8l 12th. AUTUMNIS by Diesis, half-brother to French Group III 1m 4f winner Glorify. BIG SKY by Never So Bold out of ungenuine 1m 2f performer Messaria. BURNT IMP 6l 8th of 9 to Shaiba in stakes race here (1m, good). DRAMANICE around 4l 4th of 14 to Felucca in maiden here (6f, good to firm) on penultimate start with SCUSI 2l 6th. FULL FEATHER by Storm Bird, half-brother to useful middle-distance handicapper Whistable. GLEN ECHO 10l 5th of 9 to Cairad in stakes race over course and distance (good). LOWER EGYPT by Silver Hawk, first foal of a winner in North America. TIMOTHY CASEY around 14l last of 7 to Ardkinglass in listed race on July Course (7f, good). WISHAM 4l 3rd of 14 to Pamzig in Doncaster (7f, good to firm) maiden.
Selection: DRAMANICE

2.35 TOTE/RACING POST TEN TO FOLLOW RATED STAKES (Handicap: £7,327: 1m 6f) (7 runners) C4

201 (3) 30502-2 STAR PLAYER 15 (D,F,G) (P Smith) R Baker 7-9-7 ... L Dettori 92
202 (7) 134052- NOT IN DOUBT 181 (D,F) (Mrs D Blackburn) H Candy 4-9-2 ... C Rutter 99
203 (4) 630-000 FLY AWAY SOON 67 (G) (J Rose) Lord Huntingdon 5-8-11 ... D Harrison (3) 97
204 (6) 111650- MULL HOUSE 130 (C,D,F,G) (M Lowry) F O'Mahony 6-8-7 ... W Carson 93
205 (2) 104311- DIME BAG 155 (G) (R McAlpine) B Hills 4-8-7 ... D Holland 96
206 (1) 0-60550 AUDE LA BELLE 20 (D,F,G) (Mrs V Rapkins) Mrs A Knight 5-8-7 ... F Norton (3) 92
207 (5) 2545-36 LYN'S RETURN 14J (BF,F,G) (R Dagg) R Simpson 4-8-7 ... A Tucker (3) 79

Long handicap: Mull House 8-6 Dime Bag 8-1 Aude La Belle 6-1, Lyn's Return 6-11

BETTING: 9-4 Star Player, 11-4 Dime Bag, 5-1 Not in Doubt, 7-1 Aude La Belle, 8-1 Fly Away Soon, Mull House, 14-1 Lyn's Return

1992: GULF PALACE 7-9-9 T Quinn (10-1) R Akehurst 16 ran

FORM FOCUS

STAR PLAYER head 2nd of 8 to White Willow in Catterick (1m 6f, good) handicap. NOT IN DOUBT 2l 3rd of 15 to Chief Minister in handicap over course and distance (good to firm). DIME BAG beat Silken Words unchallenged 12l in 16-runner Lingfield (AW, 2m) apprentice riders' handicap. AUDE LA BELLE 13l 11th of 16 to Snow Board in Doncaster (2m 2f, good to firm) handicap. LYN'S RETURN 2¾l 3rd of 8 to Muktiber in Lingfield (AW, 1m 2f) handicap. In good form over hurdles.
Selection: DIME BAG

3.05 FEILDEN STAKES C4
(Listed race: 3-Y-O: £9,768: 1m 1f) (9 runners)

301 (2) 11- PEMBROKE 209 (G) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 9-0 ... M Roberts 95
302 (4) 21214- TIOMAN ISLAND 237 (C,F) (H H Sultan Ahmad Shah) P Cole 9-0 ... T Quinn 92
303 (8) 463- ALJAZZAF 216 (M Obaida) C Brittain 8-11 ... W R Swinburn 81
304 (7) 0-3 SITTER'S END 20 (S Lalemann) R Hannon 8-11 ... J Reid 85
305 (3) 3212- DESERT TEAM 162 (G) (Maktoum Al Maktoum) J Bolger (Ire) 8-11 ... C Roche –
306 (9) 214551- IOMMELLI 237 (G,S) (G Mazza) P Kelleway 8-11 ... L Dettori 86
307 (6) 1- PLACERVILLE 195 (C,G) (K Abdulla) H Cecil 8-11 ... Pat Eddery 99
308 (1) 12- TAAHHUB 187 (G) (H Al-Maktoum) B Hills 8-11 ... W Carson 91
309 (5) 61- YELTSIN 198 (S) (Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil 8-11 ... W Ryan 81

BETTING: 5-4 Placerville, 5-2 Pembroke, 7-1 Taahhub, 12-1 Tioman Island, Yeltsin, 14-1 Desert Team, 16-1 Aljazzaf, Sitter's End, Iommelli

1992: TWIST AND TURN 5-11 S Cauthen (11-4 fav) H Cecil 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

PEMBROKE completed double beat The Informer 1½l in Newbury (1m, good) stakes race. TIOMAN ISLAND 6l 4th of 8 to Stone Crown in group III Solario Stakes at Sandown (7f, good to soft). ALJAZZAF 5¼l 3rd of 11 to Taos in Doncaster (1m, good to firm) maiden. SITTER'S END around 5l 3rd of 15 to Maracram in Doncaster (1m, good to firm) maiden. PLACERVILLE beat Storm Canyon 1½l in 17-runner maiden here (7f, good). TAAHHUB 3½l 2nd of 5 to Emperor Jones in York (7f, good) stakes race. YELTSIN beat Bin Ajwaad neck in 12-runner Newcastle (1m, heavy) maiden.
Selection: TIOMAN ISLAND

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; J if jumps. F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

3.40 CRAVEN STAKES C4
(Group III: 3-Y-O colts and geldings: £23,135: 1m) (9 runners)

401 (4) 11144- IVORY FRONTIER 208 (G,S) (P Gleeson) J Bolger (Ire) 8-12 ... C Roche 88
402 (9) 11- WHARF 281 (C,F,G) (K Abdulla) H Cecil 8-12 ... Pat Eddery 93
403 (5) 11- BARATHEA 180 (C,F,G) (Sheikh Mohammed) L Cumani 8-9 ... M Roberts 99
404 (3) 262240- CANASKA STAR 194 (Mrs J Sifton) P Kelleway 8-9 ... L Dettori 95
405 (7) 1- CHADDLEWORTH 308 (F) (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 8-9 ... J Reid 74
406 (1) 131- EMPEROR JONES 187 (C,G) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 8-9 ... R Cochrane 85
407 (2) 2140-62 NOMINATOR 13 (C,F,G) (J Graham) R Hollinshead 8-9 ... W Ryan 98
408 (8) 210- REDENHAM 173 (F) (B Nielsen) R Hannon 8-9 ... L Piggott 86
409 (6) 111110- VENTIQUATTROFOGLI 172 (D,F,G,S) (Gerecon Italia) J Dunlop 8-9 ... W Carson 87

BETTING: 6-4 Barathea, 3-1 Wharf, 5-1 Chaddleworth, 8-1 Emperor Jones, 12-1 Nominator, Redenham, 16-1 Ivory Frontier, Ventiquattrofogli, 20-1 Canaska Star.

1992: ALNASR ALWASHEEK 8-9 S Cauthen (5-1) M Stoute 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

IVORY FRONTIER 4½l 4th of 5 to Fatherland in group I Smurfit National Stakes at the Curragh (7f, soft). WHARF beat CANASKA STAR (3lb better off) a neck in 6-runner group III July Stakes here (6f, good). BARATHEA beat Storm Canyon a neck in 10-runner stakes race here (7f, good to firm). CHADDLEWORTH beat Needle Gun 3½l in 7-runner Newbury (6f, good to firm) maiden. EMPEROR JONES beat Taahhub 3½l in 6-runner York (7f, good) stakes race. NOMINATOR short-head 2nd of 7 to Eurolink Thunder in Kempton (1m, good to soft) stakes race. VENTIQUATTROFOGLI 16l 8th of 14 to Pelder in group I Gran Criterium at San Siro (1m, heavy).
Selection: BARATHEA

4.10 LADBROKES BOLDBOY SPRINT HANDICAP C4
(3-Y-O: £7,180: 6f) (10 runners)

501 (5) 415110- SHEILA'S SECRET 187 (C,G,S) (Sherwoods Transport Ltd) T Mills 9-7 ... J Reid 91
502 (9) 01-2132 LUCAYAN TREASURE 28 (V,D,BF) (HE Lhendup Dorji) D Loder 9-3 ... L Dettori 95
503 (6) 2130- ABTAAL 187 (G) (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 9-2 ... R Hills 87
504 (1) 314040- NORTHERN BIRD 170 (D,F,S) (J Bradley) B Hills 8-11 ... D Holland 85
505 (7) 3314- PRINCESS OBERON 316 (F) (R Mickaelson) M Bell 8-10 ... M Hills 82
506 (8) 25300-0 THE SHARP BIDDER 16 (D,G) (Mrs R Heathcote) R Hollinshead 8-6 ... W Ryan 97
507 (4) 41-5 SISON 16 (G) (Mrs C Wyatt) R Whitaker 8-6 ... A Culhane 96
508 (3) 51240-1 MR BUTCH 19 (D,F) (G Herridge) M Channon 8-1 ... W Carson 99
509 (2) 406210- PAIR OF JACKS 229 (D,G) (R Dalton) W Muir 8-1 ... W Woods 90
510 (10) 3-21 MOON STRIKE 13 (F) (S Fustok) W O'Gorman 7-13 ... A Munro 94

BETTING: 9-2 Mr Butch, 5-1 Moon Strike, Northern Bird, 11-2 Lucayan Treasure, 6-1 Sison, 8-1 Abtaal, 12-1 Pair Of Jacks, Sheila's Secret, 14-1 Princess Oberon, 20-1 The Sharp Bidder.

1992: HEATHER BANK 8-6 Pat Eddery (6-1) J Berry 15 ran

FORM FOCUS

LUCAYAN TREASURE ¾l 2nd of 7 to Celestial Key in Southwell (AW, 6f) handicap. PRINCESS OBERON under 3l 4th of 7 to Jervia in Beverley (5f, firm) stakes race. SISON 7½l 5th of 7 to Lord Olivier in Leicester (6f, firm) stakes race, with THE SHARP BIDDER (7lb better off) 10l last. MR BUTCH beat Wordsmith 1l in 9-runner Doncaster (7f, good to firm) handicap. Last season, 1½l 2nd of 13 to Palacegate Touch in handicap over course and distance (good to soft), with NORTHERN BIRD (13lb better off) 4l 4th. MOON STRIKE beat Miss Brightside ½l in 7-runner Beverley (5f, good to firm) maiden.
Selection: NORTHERN BIRD (nap)

4.45 EBF STUNTNEY MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O colts and geldings: £3,622: 5f) (9 runners)

601 (2) BALI WARRIOR (J Pearce) M Bell 9-0 ... M Hills –
602 (8) DOWN D ISLANDS (R Swanson) R Hannon 9-0 ... J Reid –
603 (4) ERRIS BOY (J Ruddy) R Williams 9-0 ... A Clark –
604 (3) FRANKLY MY DEAR (Mrs G Goode) R Boss 9-0 ... R Cochrane –
605 (7) GREATEST (Miss T Sevenmont) R Armstrong 9-0 ... R Price –
606 (6) 0 LORD SKY 13 (BF) (S Crown) P Cole 9-0 ... T Quinn –
607 (5) 6 MARCH OF TIME 14 (Mrs D Barker) D Thom 9-0 ... Paul Eddery –
608 (9) MONTAYA (M Parrish) J Troy 9-0 ... W R Swinburn –
609 (1) WAJIBA RIVA (The Winning Team) R Hannon 9-0 ... Pat Eddery –

BETTING: 3-1 Wajiba Riva, 7-2 Bali Warrior, 4-1 Frankly My Dear, Lord Sky, 11-2 Down D Islands, 14-1 Erris Boy, 16-1 Greatest, Montaya, 25-1 March Of Time.

1992: KHARAJ 9-0 W Carson (10-1) A Scott 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

DOWN D ISLANDS (foaled Mar 15). First foal by Then Again; dam 7f winner at 2 years. FRANKLY MY DEAR (cost 3,000gns, May 10). Second foal by Astronef; dam unraced. GREATEST (10,000gns, Feb 12). Half-brother by Superlative to Hugging, 1m winner at 3 years. LORD SKY 18l 7th of 9 to Mistlon At Dawn in Kempton (5f, soft) auction maiden. MARCH OF TIME 15l 6th of 7 to Bold Aristocrat in Southwell (5f, standard) auction maiden. WAJIBA RIVA (15,000gns, Apr 6). Half-brother by Waajib to Horrofic, 7f winner at 2 years; dam placed at up to 7f at 3 years.
No selection

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
P Chapple-Hyam	11	41	26.8	Pat Eddery	68	400	17.0
H Cecil	60	281	21.4	W Carson	75	468	16.0
M Stoute	48	255	18.8	W R Swinburn	51	330	15.5
P Cole	15	87	17.2	M Hills	32	213	15.0
L Cumani	49	294	16.7	L Dettori	52	368	14.1
J Gosden	31	188	16.5	M Roberts	56	467	12.0

TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

NEWMARKET
C4

2.35: Star Player, a promising second at Catterick two weeks ago, has fitness on his side. The blinkers are left off Not In Doubt, who may appreciate further, as could Mull House and Dime Bag. Aude La Belle is only 1lb higher than her final winning mark last season but has shown little recently.

3.05: Placerville, the apple of trainer Henry Cecil's eye, should take this on the way to greater things. On his sole racecourse appearance at Newmarket last October, the attractive son of Mr Prospector justified his glowing home reputation by accounting for the well-regarded Storm Canyon in style. Reportedly working well in recent weeks, he can prove too strong over this longer trip for Bitter's End and Pembroke.

3.40: The growing confidence behind **Barathea** has been reflected in the significant ante-post gamble on Luca Cumani's colt for the 2,000 Guineas before the unexpected defeat of Zafonic. A victory for Placerville would underline Barathea's prospects as the selection also beat Storm Canyon, giving 7lb, in the Houghton Stakes at Newmarket. Cumani's colt recorded an excellent time and displayed a first-class attitude to racing that day. The Sadler's Wells colt should prevail at the expense of Wharf.

4.10: A typically competitive sprint handicap in which few can be ruled out with confidence. Lucayan Treasure has thrived on the all-weather since joining David Loder, while Princess Oberon improved with every run last season. Pair Of Jacks looks fairly handicapped on his Kempton win last August, but preference is for **Northern Bird**, a creditable fourth to Niche in the group two Lowther Stakes at York.

RICHARD EVANS

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S THREE MEETINGS

Newmarket
Going: good

2.00 (7f) 1, STELLA MYSTIKA (M Roberts, 4-6 fav; Times Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, Seasonal Splendour (D Biggs, 16-1); 3, Aneesati (W R Swinburn, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 10 Alligram (6th), Sword Salt, 16 Summer Flower, 25 Dancing Spirit (4th), Dittisham (5th), 33 Coral Gem, 66 Sakura Queen. 10 ran. 2½l, 1l, 2½l, sh hd, 2½l. L Cumani at Newmarket. Tote: £1.60; £1.10, £3.00, £1.70. DF: £11.50. CSF: £11.60. 1min 27.14sec. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

2.35 (7f) 1, WILL OF STEEL (K Fallon, 13-2); 2, Little Bean (M Hills, 11-10 fav); 3, Herora (W Carson, 15-2). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Euro Festival (4th), Beware Of Agents (5th), 16 Gill Throne (6th). 6 ran. NR: Master Planner. 2l, ½l, 1½l, ½l. Mrs J Ramsden at Thirsk. Tote: £5.40; £1.90, £1.40. DF: £3.80. CSF: £13.30. 1min 26.05sec.

3.05 (1m 1f) 1, EZZOUD (W R Swinburn, 5-1); 2, Cloud Of Dust (T Quinn, 11-1); 3, Lord Of The Field (G Duffield, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav Shualaan, 6 Lucky Lindy (4th), 7 Young Senor, 8 Break Bread, 9 Inch Memory (6th), 14 Soiree, 16 Armarama, 20 Kristianstad, Tik Fa (5th), 50 Parfay. 13 ran. 1½l, nk, ¾l, 3l, nk. M Stoute at Newmarket. Tote: £5.70; £1.90, £2.80, £9.70. DF: £36.60. CSF: £56.45. 1min 51.42sec.

3.40 (7f) 1, SO FACTUAL (Pat Eddery, 8-1); 2, Revelation (J Reid, 3-1 jt-fav); 3, Salatin (W Carson, 15-2). ALSO RAN: 3-1 jt-fav Petardia, 7-2 Silver Wizard (4th), 12 Lost Soldier (6th), 20 Darbonne (5th). 7 ran. ¾l, 1½l, 1½l, nk, 5l. G Harwood at Pulborough. Tote: £8.00; £2.50, £2.20. DF: £12.40. CSF: £28.49. 1min 26.23sec. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

4.10 (1m 4f) 1, THINKING TWICE (W Carson, 8-1); 2, Northern Graduate (K Darley, 5-1 fav); 3, Miss Pin Up (D Biggs, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 8 Laburnum (5th), Dom Wac, Lyphantastic, Rousito, 10 Chief Minister, 12 Ambiguously Regal (4th), 14 Alcoy, 16 Hello My Darling (6th), Sovereign Page, 20 Farmer's Pet. 13 ran. ¾l, ¾l, 1½l, hd, 5l. N Henderson at Lambourn. Tote: £7.90; £2.40, £2.10, £5.60. DF: £18.30. Trio: £154.50. CSF: £43.59. Tricast: £570.85. 2min 35.75sec.

4.45 (5f) 1, POMMES FRITES (L Piggott, 5-4 fav); 2, Indiahra (K Darley, 20-1); 3, Nakita (G Forster, 11-2). ALSO RAN: 13-2 Hips'n Haws (6th), 8 Cappuchino (5th), 10 Queens Stroller, Miss Paramount, 14 Dubai Remy, 20 Access Advantage (4th), 33 Sweet Caroline, Salt Stone. 11 ran. 1½l, 5l, nk, 1½l, nk. R Hannon at Marlborough. Tote: £2.30; £1.60, £4.20, £2.40. DF: £23.80. CSF: £26.34. 1min 1.09sec.

5.15 (1m) 1, FLUVIAL (Pat Eddery, 6-1); 2, Mt Templeman (L Dettori, 10-1); 3, Karshi (G Duffield, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav Mecklenburg (4th), 5 Premiata, 6 Liwan (pu), 7 Barratry (6th), 8 Fabulous Mtoto, Mutamanni, Tej Singh, 12 Curtelace, 14 Ajdeyt, 20 Haddaaj, Maashal Lawn, Sharaer (5th), Tilty, Elegant Hussar. 17 ran. NR: Colnbrook, Moutazim. Sh hd, 3l, sh hd, hd, 1½l. J Gosden at Newmarket. Tote: £6.10; £2.40, £4.90, £6.30. DF: £98.60. CSF: £78.55. 1min 41.04sec. Moutazim (3-1) and Colnbrook (11-2) both withdrawn not under orders — rule 4 applies to bets at board prices prior to withdrawal, deduction 40p in pound.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £15,123.10 carried forward to Newmarket today).
Placepot: £65.10.

Pontefract
Going: soft

2.45 (1m 2f 6yd) 1, Sweet Revival (J Fortune, 16-1); 2, Anar (14-1); 3, Supertop (7-1); 4, Falcons Dawn (9-1). Duveen 5-2 fav. 17 ran. NR: Tanoda. ¾l, 5l. J Glover. Tote: £23.90; £3.20, £4.00, £2.60, £1.80. DF: £160.90. CSF: £209.56. Tricast: £1,557.75.

3.15 (1m 4yd) 1, Romola Nijinsky (D Holland, 16-1); 2, Future Fame (14-1); 3, Hot Punch (20-1). Claudia Miss 9-2 jt-fav. 21 ran. 6l, 1½l. P Evans. Tote: £26.80; £7.30, £1.50, £17.50. DF: £244.70. CSF: £223.78.

3.45 (6f) 1, Another Jade (S Whitworth, 7-2 jt-fav); 2, Rose Flyer (7-1); 3, Bright Gem (12-1). Heathyards Gem 7-2 jt-fav. 9 ran. 1½l, 1½l. A Jarvis. Tote: £4.60; £1.50, £2.60, £2.90. DF: £17.50. CSF: £25.85. Tricast: £238.71. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

4.15 (1m 4yd) 1, Boloardo (M Birch, 4-1); 2, Peto (4-6 fav); 3, Rambo's Hall (4-1). 4 ran. 2l, nk. C Brittain. Tote: £5.70. DF: £2.50. CSF: £6.97.

4.50 (1m 2f 6yd) 1, Lavender Cottage (F Norton, 14-1); 2, Lake Poopo (11-8 fav); 3, Absalom's Pillar (12-1). 10 ran. Nk, 4l. G Wragg. Tote: £14.40; £2.70, £1.20, £2.20. DF: £22.80. CSF: £29.95.

5.20 (5f) 1, My Godson (O Pears, 5-1); 2, Hershebar (3-1 jt-fav); 3, Plum First (5-1). Tom Piper 3-1 jt-fav. 7 ran. NR: Gussie Fink-Nottle. 3½l, 2½l. B Beasley. Tote: £6.00; £2.10, £1.70. DF: £12.70. CSF: £18.72. Tricast: £67.94.

Placepot: £2,852.40.

Worcester
Going: heavy

2.30 (2m hdle) 1, Kev's Lass (A Maguire, 7-2); 2, Old Bridge (9-2); 3, Suez Canal (9-1). Southfast 10-11 fav. 10 ran. NR: Glasgow. Nk, 10l. F Murphy. Tote: £5.00; £1.50, £1.90, £1.10. DF: £10.30. CSF: £18.94.

3.00 (2m ch) 1, Private Audition (B Murphy, 5-2); 2, Dr Rocket (11-10 fav); 3, Andy Boy (25-1). 4 ran. Hd, 15l. F Murphy. Tote: £3.80. DF: £2.20. CSF: £5.37.

3.30 (2m 2f hdle) 1, Ling (J Frost, 12-1); 2, Fierce (4-5 fav); 3, Sailor Blue (6-5). 3 ran. 12l, 12l. R Frost. Tote: £8.70. DF: £2.70. CSF: £20.02.

4.00 (2m 7f ch) SEE FACING PAGE

4.30 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, Pry's-Joy (A Maguire, 5-1); 2, Border Archer (10-1); 3, Unex-Plained (7-4). Tree Poppy 11-10 fav. 4 ran. 2l, 12l. F Murphy. Tote: £3.80. DF: £11.20. CSF: £30.84.

5.00 (2m hdle) 1, Mrs Mayhew (A Maguire, 13-8 fav); 2, Graham Gooch (11-1); 3, Armateur (9-2). 8 ran. ¾l, 2l. F Murphy. Tote: £2.90; £1.20, £1.90, £1.70. DF: £8.60. CSF: £17.64.

5.30 (2m 5f 110yd hdle) 1, Risk Factor (R Greene, 9-2); 2, Donna's Token (6-1); 3, Roc Color (5-2 fav). 8 ran. NR: Cruise Along. 7l, 5l. R Lee. Tote: £6.30; £2.10, £1.90, £1.50. DF: £16.60. CSF: £28.22. Tricast: £72.55.

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TUESDAY'S POINT-TO-POINTS

HIGH PEAK & NE CHESHIRE DRAG (Flagg Moor): Stone Wall Hunt: 1, Carl's Star (Miss S Rodman, 20-1); 2, Solway Lord; 3, Sammie. 10 ran. Confined: 1, Scally Muire (A Crow, 1-5 fav); 2, Manassass; 3, Inafix. 3 ran. Ladies: 1, Springmount (Miss K Swindells, 4-1); 2, Rivernot; 3, Lord Mustard. 9 ran. Land Rover Open: 1, Nenni (R Ford, 4-5 fav); 2, Bronze Effigy; 3, Knuckle Down. 5 ran. PPOA: 1, Wally Wrekin (R Ford, 9-4); 2, Ashpit; 3, Discus Thrower. 5 ran. Open Mdn: 1, Mister Hochberg (J O'Shea, 7-4 fav); 2, Highgate Mild; 3, Palruska. 10 ran.

PYTCHLEY (Guilsborough): Hunt: 1, Bright As A Button (G Tarry, Evens fav); 2, Arctic Paddy. Only two finished. 6 ran. Confined: 1, Threewaygirl (A Sansome, 7-1); 2, St Laycar; 3, Electra Lad. 8 ran. Mixed Open: 1, Kelly's Honor (Mrs M Bellamy, 16-1); 2, Fine Lace; 3, Sussanan Siosana. 5 ran. PPOA: 1, Sunny Mount (J Greenall, 4-7 fav); 2, Shipmate; 3, Grecian Saint. 5 ran. Rest: 1, Cawkwell Dean (S R Andrews, 6-1); 2, Teatrader; 3, Pancratic. 10 ran. Mdn I: 1, Johnny's Choice (A Hill, 9-4); 2, Sam's Birthday; 3, Hobnobber. 9 ran. Mdn II: 1, Orton Lady (J Rice, 3-1); 2, Smart Rhythm; 3, Current Attraction. 7 ran.

CROOME & WEST WARWICKS (Upton-On-Severn): Hunt: 1, Tiber River (Miss T Spearing, 6-1); 2, Just Mick; 3, Keeler Rider. 6 ran. Rest: 1, Connie's Pet (M Jackson, 7-4 fav); 2, Just Perkins; 3, Pensham's Pride. 8 ran. Ladies: 1, Stephens Pet (Miss A Dare, 1-3 fav); 2, Outside Edge; 3, Fils-De-Roi. 9 ran. Open: 1, Shadow Walker (D Duggan, 14-1); 2, Severs Out; 3, Magic Moghul. 6 ran. Confined: 1, Grademount (Miss A Dare, 2-5 fav); 2, Pembrokeshire Lad; 3, Spartan Chief. 7 ran. Maiden: 1, Wayward Sailor (N Bradley, 3-1); 2, Romany Gold; 3, Lesshane Lad. 9 ran.

Richards to face committee

GORDON Richards, the Greystoke trainer, and jockey Martin Moloney must face the Jockey Club's disciplinary committee in London over the performance of Ninfa at Carlisle on February 9.

It is the second time this season that Richards has been asked by the Jockey Club to explain the running and riding of a horse in his care.

The Carlisle stewards saw nothing wrong when Ninfa finished one-and-a-half lengths third in a novice hurdle. But it was brought to the attention of the Jockey Club by a new monitoring system for non-triers.

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Stein relishes management challenge

Keith Pike discovers how Edwin Stein has risen up into the hallowed ranks of football management

HUGH ROUTLEDGE



Sit tight: Stein contemplates the job ahead of him after taking over as caretaker manager of Barnet, the third division leaders

Fifteen years after the appearance of England's first black footballer was greeted by media hysteria, the country's first black manager has slipped almost unnoticed into his office. Two weeks after being asked to pick up the pieces at Barnet, Edwin Stein is neither surprised nor disappointed.

Why should Stein's appointment be viewed as less significant than Viv Anderson's debut for his country in November 1978, when every eye and every camera was focused on the Nottingham Forest full back as he emerged from the tunnel at Wembley? Perhaps it is because Stein is only acting as a caretaker, and may yet decide to rejoin Barry Fry, his mentor, with Southend United. Or is it that England, after another decade and a half of sporting black excellence, is now a fully integrated, multi-racial haven? Stein would be happier if it was the latter.

"There is still a cross-section of the public which feels that black people are great athletes but have not necessarily got the mental abilities for coaching or management," he said. "I dispute that but I can understand it, even if we have taken such huge strides in the last 20 years to get away from that mode of thinking.

"As far as I am concerned, I want to be recognised for the work I do. It would be brilliant if my appointment gives some hope to others but I don't hold myself up as a role model. My colour has never been a source of motivation."

It is a view with which Brendon Batson, deputy chief executive of the Professional Footballers' Association, sympathises. Batson was once dubbed by Ron Atkinson, the then West Bromwich Albion manager, as one of his "Three Degrees" — Cyrille Regis and Laurie Cunningham made up the trio — and he believes that a greater test of clubs' commitment to equality is yet to come.

Stein has been on the staff at Underhill for 12 years — the first eight as player, the next four as player-coach — and could be said to have got his chance by default when Fry finally turned his back on Barnet. "The acid test will come as the more prominent black players come to the end of their careers and send off their management CVs," Batson said. "There has been a natural progression for Edwin but would a black Steve Coppell get the Crystal Palace job or a black Graeme Souness at Liverpool?"

Stein's own CV bears little comparison to Anderson's: for Forest, Arsenal, Manchester United and Sheffield Wednesday read Edgware Town, Luton reserves, Harrow Borough, Dagenham and Barnet.

Not for him the luxurious life of the Premier League. On Tuesday, it was meet Barnet 10.30am, travel to Devon, beat Torquay United, a quick pint and a curry on the coach, and back in north London by 3am; all supervised with articulate determination.

David Howell, for one, will not forget the rebuke he got for arriving late at the ground: the first black manager in England letting the first black captain of England's semi-professional team know who was boss.

Stein was brought up in Cape Town: pleasant enough at first, with his father, Isaiah, a shoe factory manager and relatively affluent. But as apartheid's grip tightened, the wealth disappeared, followed by prison sentences for both Isaiah and Lilian Stein, his mother, house arrest, his father's hunger strike and, in 1968, the journey from South Africa to Paddington, London, for the by now destitute family Stein: mother, father and seven brothers. Little sister, Merle, 14, arrived later.

"The first thing that hit us was the weather," Edwin said. "It's one thing being warm and poor. There's nothing like being cold and poor. It was no fun." Nor was working as an assistant buyer in a chain store, or qualifying as a plumber, as Stein did before football took over.

Six years after Viv Anderson's debut, Stein No. 3, Brian — who now takes his orders from Edwin as a Barnet striker — won his only England cap. In 1988, he scored Luton Town's winner in the League Cup final against Arsenal at Wembley. Stein No. 7, Mark, is the No. 9 getting the goals that should see Stoke City to the second division title. Bert is a tennis coach "who really wants to be a social worker"; Hugh is studying social sciences at college.

Thirty-seven, single and single-minded, Edwin dedicates his family's success to his parents. "It gives them more satisfaction than us," he said. "But if my appointment also motivates other people to think that another bastion has been broken down, it will mean a lot to me."

With his commitment to attacking teams built on skill not physique — his favourite player is Hoddle and his favourite team the Chelsea of Osgood and Hudson — Stein's emergence as a manager could prove the most positive fall-out from the Barnet fiasco. And the most significant.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Oosterhuis makes surprise return

PETER Oosterhuis, 44, the former No. 1 European golfer, makes a surprise return to the Volvo PGA Tour tomorrow. He plays in the £300,000 Rome Masters, his first event since the 1984 English Open. "I'm deadly serious about playing again," Oosterhuis, who received a sponsor's invitation, said. "I don't know how long it will take for my game to come back. Things I used to do naturally don't come so easily nowadays."

The first prize of £50,000 this week exceeds the £32,127 Oosterhuis accumulated when he finished top of the European money-list in 1974. Barry Lane is one of the main contenders, along with David Gilford, Mark James, Sam Torrance, Costantino Rocca, Jim Payne and Frank Nobilo.

Courier feels pressure

TENNIS: Jim Courier said after beating Jeremy Bates, of Britain, 6-1, 6-1 at the Hong Kong Open yesterday that losing his world No. 1 ranking to Pete Sampras was troubling him. "I'm trying not to explode. I want to keep my emotions in check and see what happens," he said. Amos Mansdorf, of Israel, who last week beat Courier in Japan, where Sampras went to No. 1, said: "Jim has more to lose than Pete. Jim has to defend more points and this means if he loses he can drop further down the rankings than Pete. I think the pressure can get to him." Bates teamed with Byron Black, of Zimbabwe, to beat the top seeds, Brad Pearce and Byron Talbot, in the quarter-finals of the doubles.

Positive approach

ATHLETICS: Rob de Castella, the only man to finish four Olympic marathons, said yesterday that he was hoping to be among the frontrunners on Sunday in the NutraSweet London Marathon, his last serious race at the distance (David Powell writes). De Castella, 36, is an outsider for victory after finishing 26th in the Barcelona Olympic Games but only two years ago ran 2hr 9min 42sec to win in Rotterdam. "I think I can get out there with the lead pack and be in a position to be competitive for the last ten kilometres," the Australian said.

Holmes beats Lakusta

BOXING: Larry Holmes resumed his comeback by stopping Ken Lakusta, the Canadian heavyweight, in seven rounds in a non-championship bout in Bay St Louis, Mississippi, on Tuesday. Holmes, 43, the former world champion, in his third bout of the year, improved his record since coming out of retirement to nine wins and one defeat. He lost to Evander Holyfield in June. Holmes, 43, hopes to fight Riddick Bowe, the World Boxing Association and International Boxing Federation champion, or Lennox Lewis, who holds the World Boxing Council title.

Koloto's bleak future

RUGBY LEAGUE: The career of the Tongan forward, Emosi Koloto, 28, appears to be at an end following his withdrawal from the Widnes side for the Silk Cut Challenge Cup final against Wigan on May 1 because of a serious back injury. "The only hope is a London surgeon who has saved the careers of [rugby] union players with similar injuries," Phil Larder, the Widnes coach, said yesterday. Wigan, who need to beat Castleford tomorrow to win the Stones Bitter championship, expect to have the internationals, Phil Clarke and Andrew Farrar, back for the game.

Bewley's new post

SWIMMING: Keith Bewley is to leave Wigan Wasps to be head coach to the City of Birmingham after the departure in January of Barry Prime, who is now breaststroke coach at the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra. Bewley is known primarily for his success at coaching women, having consistently placed swimmers on the national team during the last 15 years, including the Olympic medal-winner, June Croft. Birmingham's main strength, however, is in its men, leaving Bewley to answer critics who point to his lack of success at producing men for the national team.

Drugs ban for Cuban

ATHLETICS: The Cuban discus thrower, Hilda Elisa Ramos, who finished sixth in the Olympic Games last year and won a silver medal at the 1991 Pan-American Games, has been banned for four years after testing positive for an anabolic steroid. An IAAF spokeswoman said yesterday that Ramos, 28, had tested positive for methandianone.

☐ Negusse Roba, who coached some of Ethiopia's best distance runners over two decades including Abebe Bikila, Mamo Wolde and Miruts Yifter, has died at the age of 54 after a long illness, it was reported yesterday.

Fifa prepares to restore law and order

BY ROB HUGHES, FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

TODAY, on two fronts — in the committee room and on the field — Fifa hopes to prove that the rule of law is capable of being restored to world football. "This is an important day for us to show that cheating will no longer be tolerated," Sepp Blatter, the general secretary of the governing body, said.

In the morning, the Fifa referees' committee meeting in Zurich is expected to confirm a panel of professional referees to operate on all continents for important matches leading towards the 1994 World Cup finals.

In the evening, in Lyons, Egypt and Zimbabwe replay, on neutral turf, the World Cup qualifying tie that Egypt originally won 2-1 before it was annulled because sections of the 120,000 crowd in Cairo's national stadium pelted players and officials with stones. A linesman was hit, so was the Zimbabwe coach and the visiting goalkeeper, Bruce Grobbelaar, spent the night in hospital after being concussed by a lump of concrete.

Fifa accepted that the Egyptian team was blameless but could not allow the result to stand as a precedent. Already, it has been presented with a lesser but still serious bombardment of coins and other objects hurled at England in Izmir last month, where a youth from Brighton was blinded in one eye.

In Lyons, a draw would now be enough for Zimbabwe, which includes not only Grobbelaar, of Liverpool, but also the Coventry City winger, Peter Ndlovu, to reach the next African qualifying stage instead of Egypt. Egyptian protests that this is somehow an anti-Arabic punishment, and letters to this newspaper indicating that to report such misbehaviour represents anti-Turkish bias, will not, in Fifa's words, "stop us from trying to put an end to this lawlessness".

In Blatter's eyes, the need for professional refereeing is just as crucial. "Referees are important to this game," he said, "but they're not envoys of God." He believes they must be paid far more than the £165 per match for Premier League referees and that the authorities must insist on them being fit enough, young enough and accountable enough to cope with the modern pace of the game in which their decisions could alter the livelihoods of millionaire players. "Above all," he said, "we have to ensure that the destructiveness of the last World Cup is not repeated."

He has support from Italy, from the former World Cup referee, Paolo Casarin, who oversees 37 semi-professional referees, each of them paid up to £50,000 during the season. "No longer," Casarin said, "is it acceptable to have an alibi that says, 'OK, I was wrong, I am an amateur'."

Van Basten will miss Wembley qualifier

GRAHAM Taylor will have one headache fewer when he prepares England for their crucial World Cup qualifying tie with Holland at Wembley in two weeks' time after it became clear yesterday that Marco van Basten will not be fit to lead the Dutch attack.

Van Basten, 28, the European Player for the Year, had been hoping he would recover from surgery on an injured ankle in time to meet England but yesterday his club, AC Milan, ruled out such an early comeback.

Milan, the Italian league leaders, would prefer van Basten to return in time for the European Cup final in Munich on May 26. The Dutchman, arguably the world's best player, underwent surgery on December 21 to remove cartilage from his right ankle.

Paul Warhurst and David Hirst have both declared themselves fit to play in the Coca-Cola Cup final at Wembley on Sunday, but only one of the Sheffield Wednesday forwards is likely to be chosen to meet Arsenal. Warhurst, 23, is expected to play in the final from the start with Hirst among the substitutes.

The Dundee United defender, Maurice Malpas, damaged knee ligaments in Tuesday night's 3-0 home defeat by Hibernian and is unlikely to be available for Scotland's World Cup qualifier against Portugal in Lisbon later this month.

Williams strikes defiant note

BY SRIKUMAR SEN, BOXING CORRESPONDENT

IF FRANK Bruno sees Carl "The Truth" Williams as little more than an opponent on the way to a million-dollar bout with Lennox Lewis, it could be a serious mistake. That was the warning from the 23-year-old, 225lb former world contender who intends to move back up the rankings at the expense of Britain's most popular boxer.

"I only hope he regards me as a walkover. Looking for the next one is like looking for the next bus that never comes," Williams said yesterday at the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham, where he will meet Bruno on April 24. "I'm going to put an end to this Lewis-Bruno fight," he added.

Williams, who last boxed in January and was stopped in the eighth round by Tommy Morrison, one of the leading world contenders, said he had not come all this way just to be an opponent. "I'm taking this fight because it offers me the opportunity to get back into the swing of things," Williams said. "Believe me, I weighed up everything before I took the fight, about Bruno's popularity over here and if I'd get a fair shake. One of the reasons for taking the fight is I was told I'd get fair treatment here in England."

Mickey Duff, Bruno's matchmaker and promoter, confirmed that Williams had told him that he would take the bout only as long as it was clear he was not coming just to pick up the pay cheque. Duff added that he had had to pay Williams £100,000 to take the bout, which was more than the promoter had paid Bruno's three previous opponents together. Just to be absolutely sure, Duff had also taken options on Williams. "If he wins I will promote his next fight," he said.



Bruno: given warning

Whether or not it was the thought of making £100,000 or simply beating Bruno, "The Truth" looked in remarkably buoyant mood, despite attending a press conference just hours after flying in from New York. He said Bruno's big punch would not save him from defeat. "He's a good puncher no question, but if you don't have anyone to hit it means nothing." It did not matter to Williams that he had been stopped in one round by Mike Tyson and that Bruno had gone five with the former world champion and almost knocked him out.

However, despite his confident manner and claims that he is in good shape, Williams's lack of organisation raises doubts about the seriousness of his intentions. He arrived in Birmingham with only his assistant trainer, Kid Sharkey. And he is not certain whether his chief trainer, John Davenport, will be joining him. Williams's sparring partner is still in the United States looking for a visa.

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Winner flies to sevens

ANTHONY Given, of The Croft, Walkern, near Stevenage in Hertfordshire, has won The Times/The Famous Grouse competition offering a VIP trip for two to the Rugby World Cup Sevens this weekend. Mr Given, with a guest of his choice, will fly to Edinburgh on Saturday, enjoy dinner, bed and breakfast at the Balmoral Hotel and watch the final day of the tournament at Murrayfield before flying home.

Mr Given's was the first drawn from all correct entries received. Ten runners-up have won The Famous Grouse/Rugby World Cup Sevens sweatshirt and a special presentation bottle of The Famous Grouse whisky. They are: Mr Andy Crichton, London; Mr Tom Jervis, Tysoe, Warwick; Mrs Helen Jenkins, Cardiff; Mr Jonathan Peplow, London; Mr Alex Theos, Northwood, Middlesex; Mr Peter Harris, St Andrews, Fife; Mr Mark Mather, Weymouth, Dorset; Mr Tony Booth, Harrow, Middlesex; Mr Douglas McKenzie, Uxbridge, Middlesex; and Mr Kenneth Scott, Richmond, Surrey.

ANSWERS: 1, Mercake Rascal. 2, Eric Rush. 3, Laurent Cabannes. 4, Michael Lynagh. 5, Wasale Serevi. 6, Derek Stark. 7, David Campese.

Llewellyn leads Wales tour

BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THE maturing of Gareth Llewellyn took a step forward when it was announced yesterday he would lead Wales on their tour of Zimbabwe and Namibia next month. Two years ago, Llewellyn was involved in the disgraceful brawl that ended Wales's summer tour of Australia: he now becomes the 104th player to lead his country's rugby union side.

Llewellyn, 24, has worked hard in the intervening period to become a genuine international and his faith in his potential by making him captain this season and his form reached its peak in Wales's solitary championship win against England this season.

Now, the Welsh pack leader has put behind him the scuffle in Brisbane between Welsh players that followed the humiliating 63-6 defeat by Australia. "It gets blown out of proportion," he said. "Any bad feeling has long gone. I was disappointed not to have been picked for the British Lions but being made captain of Wales is just as good an honour."

There were several captaincy candidates in the 26-strong squad that will play full internationals against Zimbabwe, twice, and Namibia before closing with a game against the South African Barbarians — who are arranging an autumn tour to Britain — in Windhoek.

However, Robert Jones and Rupert Moon will be busy contesting the scrum-half berth and Mike Hall has had a chequered fitness background this season. He saw a specialist yesterday to see if a groin injury will clear in time to allow him to tour. Only two of the players who appeared in the five nations' championship, less Wales's four Lions, have not found places in the party — Ricky Evans and Nigel Meek.

Even so, Evans, the Llanelli prop, and Meek, the Pontypool hooker, may appear in the other touring parties Wales will choose this summer, a development team and an under-21 team.

Roger Bidgood, the Newport centre, is likely to tour if Hall is unfit but the party is dominated by Llanelli, with 11 representatives. Since they remain on course for a league and cup double, it is hardly surprising. Six of the party have yet to win full caps: the backs, Ian Jones and Neil Boobyer, and the forwards, Robin McBryde, Ian Buckett, Lyn Jones and Andrew Williams.

But there is a strong thread of experience in Hall, Robert Jones and Mike Griffiths — all of whom are Lions — plus Phil Davies. It will be needed not so much in Zimbabwe but in Namibia, where four of the party — Griffiths, Buckett, Mike Rayer and Paul Arnold — toured in 1990.

☐ The Rugby Football Union expects a low attendance for the ADT county championship final between Lancashire and Yorkshire at Twickenham on Saturday, the first time these two strongholds of county rugby have met in the final.

Even though it will be the one hundredth Roses encounter and Lancashire, the holders, will be trying to establish a record by winning the championship for a sixteenth time, the paying spectators will probably number no more than 7,000.

The figure is comparable to the attendance for the Provincial Insurance Cup final between Fleetwood and Hitchin, also at Twickenham, earlier this month.

Fewer than 400 tickets have been sold by Lancashire whereas Yorkshire have disposed of about 4,000. Buckinghamshire play Warwickshire in the curtain-raiser, the under-21 county final.

WALES PARTY

BACKS: M Rayer (Cardiff), I Jones (Llanelli); W Proctor (Llanelli), N Walker (Cardiff), M Hall (Cardiff), N Davies (Llanelli), N Boobyer (Llanelli); N Jenkins (Pontypridd), A Davies (Cardiff); R Jones (Swansea), R Moon (Llanelli).
FORWARDS: I Buckett (Swansea); J Davies (Neath), M Griffiths (Cardiff), H Williams-Jones (South Wales Police); A Lamerton (Llanelli), R McBryde (Swansea), P Arnold (Swansea), A Copsey (Llanelli), P Davies (Llanelli), G Llewellyn (Neath, captain); L Jones (Llanelli), E Lewis (Llanelli), M Perego (Llanelli), A Williams (Maesteg), S Davies (Swansea).
Manager: R Norster. Coach: A Davies.
ITINERARY: May 22 v Zimbabwe (Bulawayo), 25: v Zimbabwe B (Harare); 29: v Zimbabwe (Harare). June 2 v Namibia B (Windhoek); 6: v Namibia (Windhoek); 9: v SA Barbarians (Windhoek)

Fiji warm to task in sevens

BY ALAN LORIMER

KITIONE Tuibua, the Fiji coach, is confident that his side can regain its world supremacy in the inaugural World Cup rugby sevens, which begin at Murrayfield tomorrow.

"Being beaten by Western Samoa in Hong Kong was a blessing in disguise," he said yesterday before Fiji trained against Edinburgh Wanderers players. "We have worked hard to rectify our faults, particularly at set-piece moves and restarts."

The cold in Edinburgh has been a problem for the Fijians but Tuibua has had his players out early in the morning acclimatising. "I have advised the players not to wear too many warm clothes. We have to be able to play in the Scottish cold," he said.

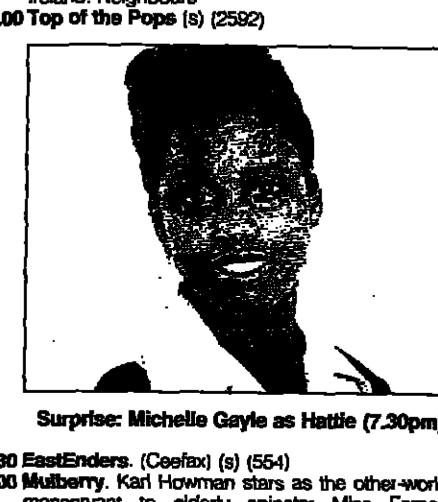
Craig Chalmers, of Scotland, Robert Jones, of Wales, and Ian Hunter, of England, all predicted in Edinburgh yesterday that Fiji would win.

Wayne Shelford, the former All Black captain, tipped New Zealand, however. "The teams that get to the final will have to play five hard games on Sunday and I think that New Zealand will be best equipped to cope with the pressure," he said. Tuibua said that his players were used to playing a lot of ties in their domestic tournaments.

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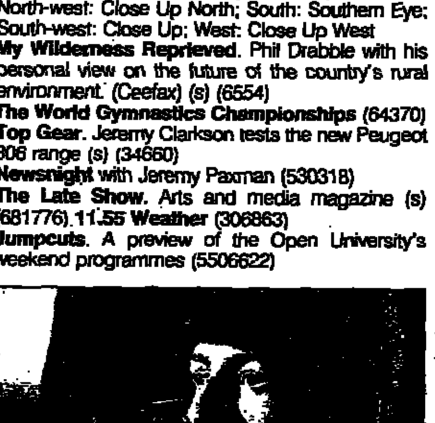


Surprise: Michelle Gayle as Hattie (7.30pm)

7.30 EastEnders. (Ceefax) (s) (554)
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8.30 Keeping Up Appearances. Hyacinth is ecstatic when the wealthy Mrs Fortescue asks her and Richard for a lift into town. Unfortunately there is a hitch. Starring Patricia Routledge, Clive Swift and Jean Anderson (r). (Ceefax) (s) (7047). Wales: Local Hero
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (7405)
9.30 Crimewatch UK presented by Nick Ross and Sue Cook. Includes appeals for leads in the case of a couple attacked and robbed in Cowdenbeath on a December night and of the murder of businesswoman Jean Bradley, stabbed by her car parked near a west London tube station three weeks ago. (Ceefax) (s) (893979)
10.15 Byline: Tresoddit for Easter. Cartoonist Posy Simmons ponders the destructive side of tourism in Cornwall (r) (751689). Northern Ireland: The Silent Screen 10.40 Victoria Wood 11.30 Law and Order 12.15 Crimewatch Update
10.55 Law and Order. American drama series (r) (s) (993738) **11.45 Crimewatch UK Update** (768554)
11.55 Weather (308221)

BBC2

8.00 Breakfast News (8096283)
8.15 Westminster (5016757)
9.00 Film: South American George (1941, b/w) starring George Formby and Ronald Shiner. The short season of British comedies continues with this slapstick farce directed by Marcel Varnel (90009)
10.30 Film: Valley of Eagles (1952, b/w) starring Jack Warner, John McCallum and Nadia Gray. Thriller about a scientist in hot pursuit of his faithless wife and her lover who have stolen the plans of his latest invention. Directed by Terence Young (4097991) **11.50 Latin American!** Two young ballroom dancers display their skill (r) (9264080)
12.00 When Ewan Grows Up. The story of a baby with cystic fibrosis (33931) **12.30 Sutton Hoo**. Last in the series on the ancient burial ground (r) (4975221)
1.20 Noddy (r) (s) (13992399) **1.30 Funnybones** (r) (s) (62033080) **1.35 Geoffrey Smith's World of Flowers**. Tulips (r) (18732467)
2.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (60293486) **2.05 Summoned By Bells**. Sir John Betjeman's verse autobiography (r) (7613221)
3.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (8792115) **3.05 Westminster Live** (8846592) **3.50 News** (Ceefax), regional news and weather (8131689)
4.00 Film: The Lost Moment (1947, b/w) starring Susan Hayward and Robert Cummings. Offbeat drama, based on Henry James's *Aspern Papers*. Directed by Martin Gabel (20689)
5.30 From the Edge. Topical matters from a disabled perspective. (Ceefax) (937)
6.00 Film: Arrow in the Dust (1954) starring Sterling Hayden and Coleen Gray. Western drama about a cavalry deserter who becomes a hero when he leads a wagon train through hostile Indian territory. Directed by Lesley Selander (7707486)
7.20 Animation Now. *Sing Beast Sing* (323196)
7.30 First Sight: Will the South Ever Work Again? Marie Kinsey reports on new ideas for job creation (196). Wales: Doctor or Dealer?; East: Matter of Fact; Midlands: Midlands Report; North, North-east, North-west: Close Up North; South: Southern Eye; South-west: Close Up; West: Close Up West
8.00 My Wilderness Reprieved. Phil Drabble with his personal view on the future of the country's rural environment. (Ceefax) (s) (6554)
8.30 The World Gymnastics Championships (64370)
10.00 Top Gear. Jeremy Clarkson tests the new Peugeot 306 range (s) (34660)
10.30 Newsnight with Jeremy Paxman (530318)
11.15 The Late Show. Arts and media magazine (s) (681776) **11.55 Weather** (306863)
12.00 Jumpcuts. A preview of the Open University's weekend programmes (5506622)

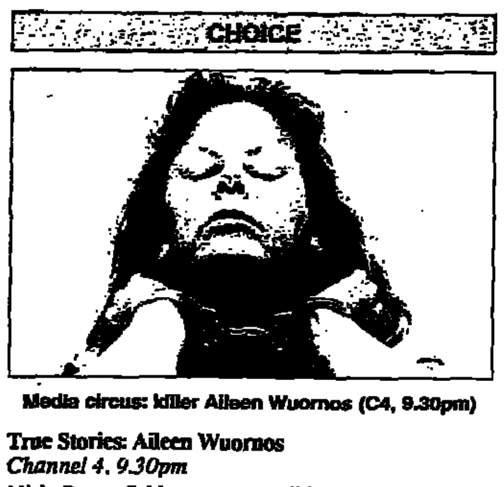


Cathy O'Donnell and Farley Granger (12.05am)

12.05am Film: They Live By Night (1949, b/w) See Choice (638871). Ends at **1.45**

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CHOICE



Media circus: killer Aileen Wuornos (C4, 9.30pm)

True Stories: Aileen Wuornos
Channel 4, 9.30pm

Nick Broomfield was responsible for a compelling documentary about the South African right-wing leader Eugene Terreblanche. His new film has similar ingredients and the same compulsion. Once again it is built around an elusive interview, in this case with America's first woman serial killer. Aileen Wuornos faces the electric chair after admitting to the murders of seven men. As in the South African film Broomfield is thwarted by unsavoury minders. The biggest obstacle to the interview is the demand for a $25,000 fee. The film is not so much about the rights of the case as a condemnation of the commercial circus that has grown up around it, with film companies, lawyers and police officers all trying to cash in.

Memento
Channel 4, 8.00pm

Joan Bakewell hosts a new series in which celebrities are invited to choose eight favourite objects as the excuse for a general chat about their life and work. There is an obvious debt to *Desert Island Discs*, perhaps even more to a Roy Plomley television series called *Favourite Things*. Neither is acknowledged. Set in a sort of brightly-lit cloister, the show is friendly and unchallenging. Tonight's guest is Sir David Attenborough, whose treasured objects come mainly from his wildlife safaris on behalf of the BBC. As always Sir David is enthusiastic and fluent but the format precludes anything but a rerun of familiar material. Future subjects include Dame Kiri Te Kanawa, Sir Terence Conran and J.G. Ballard.

Body and Soul
ITV, 9.00pm

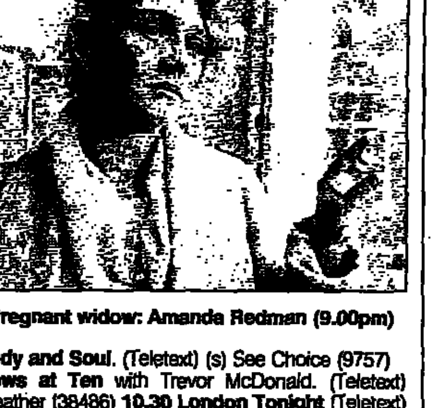
There is trouble at mill, and practically everywhere else, for Sister Gabriel (Kristin Scott Thomas). Her 16 years in the Welsh convent were abruptly ended when her brother killed himself in a blazing car, leaving a bitter, pregnant wife (Amanda Redman) and a textile mill on the brink of going bust. Our gallant nun has much to cope with. Not only does her sister-in-law accuse her of being a self-centred bitch who deserted the family but the ghastly Stan (Anthony Valentine) is plotting to take over the mill. And Sister Dominic's affection for our saintly heroine continues to go far beyond the convent's rules. *Body and Soul* is not the most subtle of dramas. Some would dismiss it as novelettish tosh but it will be hard to switch off.

They Live By Night
BBC2, 12.05am

Nicholas Ray, a wayward and ultimately self-destructive talent, made his directing debut with this cogent story of young fugitives in love. For a later generation the subject will be familiar from Robert Altman's *Thieves Like Us*, but like most remakes it fell some way short of the original. While Altman wandered, Ray was taut and relevant. *They Live By Night* covers the same ground in half an hour less. Farley Granger plays the youth, who is on the run from prison. Cathy O'Donnell is the girl he marries. Their fate is anticipated by the opening legend: "This boy and this girl were never properly introduced to the world we live in". Ray charts their doomed journey with sensitivity and style. **Peter Waymark**

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV presented by Michael Wilson and Lorraine Kelly. The guests include Anthony Valentine and Michelle Collins (7852689)
9.25 Lucky Ladders. Game show hosted by Lennie Bennett (s) (7295399) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (7192283)
10.00 Police Academy. Cartoon series (r) (7102660) **10.25 Speedy and Daffy** in *Fiesta Fiasco* (4006554)
10.30 Film: Monkeys, Go Home! (1966) starring Maurice Chevalier and Dean Jones. A Disney tale of a young American who inherits a run-down olive farm in France. Directed by Andrew V. McLaglen (88826134)
12.10 The Riddlers. For the very young (8460283)
12.30 ITN Lunchtime News with Nicholas Owen and Sonia Ruseler. (Teletext) Weather (8776329) **1.05 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (93606047)
1.15 Home and Away. Australian family drama. (Teletext) (295757) **1.45 A Country Practice** Medical drama (s) (294028)
2.15 The View. Loyd Grossman with viewers' comments on television programmes and the people who appear on them (286009) **2.45 Take the High Road**. Highlands-based drama serial (4833950)
3.10 ITN News headlines (8703221) **3.15 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (8702592)
3.20 Blockbusters (s) (1632028)
3.50 Garfield and Friends (r) (5561738) **4.15 Rolf's Cartoon Club** presented by Rolf Harris (r) (804554) **4.45 Tiny Toon Adventures** (7394009)
5.10 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (7640478)
5.40 Early Evening News with John Suchet (Teletext) Weather (424738)
6.00 London Tonight (Teletext) (63660)
7.00 Emmerdale. (Teletext) (7660)
7.30 Storyline. A look at the frauds that have been taking place in the classic car market (s) (950)
8.00 The Bill: Bedfellows. The arrests of two thieves at a community centre causes misunderstanding and protest. (Teletext) (3080)
8.30 Just a Gigolo. Comedy series starring Tony Slattery as a reluctant gigolo, sometimes working for an escort agency. (Teletext) (2115)

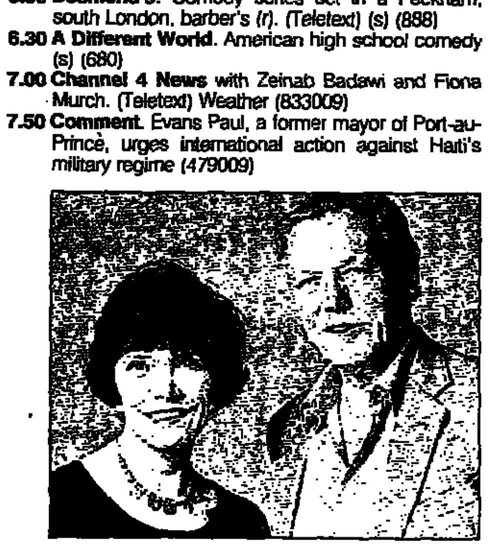


Pregnant widow: Amanda Redman (9.00pm)

9.00 Body and Soul. (Teletext) (s) See Choice (9757)
10.00 News at Ten with Trevor McDonald. (Teletext) Weather (38486) **10.30 London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (381134)
10.40 The Frost Programme. Sir David Frost is joined by actress Felicity Kendall, John Prescott, the shadow transport minister, and Steve Norris, the transport minister for London(s) (652979)
11.40 Raw Soup. Discussion, music and comedy presented by Paul Tonkinson and Miranda Sawyer (768399)
12.40am Street Legal. Drama series about a Canadian law firm (6970061)
1.30 Hollywood Report. Showbusiness gossip (77332)
2.00 America's Top Ten (s) (92087)
2.30 Donahue. The guest is sex expert Dr Ruth Westheimer (20210)
3.30 Alfred Hitchcock Presents: My Dear Watson. A tale with a twist (r) (42564)
4.00 Entertainment UK (r) (s) (69177)
5.00 Riviera. French drama serial (15516)
5.30 ITN Morning News with Phil Roman (42429)

CHANNEL 4

5.50 Sesame Street (r) (1727757)
6.45 Dennis. Animated adventures of a naughty little boy and his chums (r) (3655009)
7.00 The Big Breakfast presented by Paul Ross and Gaby Roslin (69405)
9.00 Wish Kid. Animation (r) (48863) **9.30 The Batman** (b/w). The Gotham City heroes in another 1940s adventure (r) (2631399) **9.45 The King's Breakfast**. Andrey Khrzhanovsky's animated film version of A.A. Milne's poem (2115216)
9.55 Gamesmaster. Computer and video games magazine. With Dominik Diamond and Patrick Moore (r) (7117863) **10.30 New Kids On the Block — On Tour**. A musical mix of live action and animation (r) (1906592)
10.55 The Miraculous Mellops. Australian fantasy series (r) (1981283) **11.25 The Bunbury Tales**. Animation (r) (5493009) **11.30 The Henderson Kids**. Australian family drama (1080)
12.00 The Parliament Programme presented by Anne Perkins (35399)
12.30 Sesame Street. The guest is Robin Williams (r) (98047) **1.30 Little Rosey**. Cartoon adventures of a baby Roseanne Arnold (r) (s) (18751592)
1.55 Sails of the Pole. Half a dozen explorers set out to test the strength of ice fields in Antarctica (r) (18736283)
2.25 Channel 4 Racing from Newmarket. Brough Scott introduces live coverage of the Tote/*Racing Post* Ten to Follow Rated Stakes (2.35), the Fielden Stakes (3.05), the Craven Stakes (3.40) and the Ladbrokes Boldboy Sprint Handicap (4.10) (71756825)
4.30 Fifteen To One. Fast-moving knockout general knowledge quiz. The question-master is William G Stewart. (Teletext) (s) (863)
5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show. The guests are a 13-year-old girl, her adopted family and her biological parents who want her back. The girl refuses to go. (Teletext) (s) (7759028)
5.50 The Magic Roundabout. Classic children's entertainment, narrated by Nigel Planer (r) (956028)
6.00 Desmond's. Comedy series set in a Peckham, south London, barber's (r). (Teletext) (s) (888)
6.30 A Different World. American high school comedy (s) (680)
7.00 Channel 4 News with Zeinab Badawi and Fiona Murch. (Teletext) Weather (833009)
7.50 Comment. Evans Paul, a former mayor of Port-au-Prince, urges international action against Haiti's military regime (479009)



Joan Bakewell, David Attenborough (8.00pm)

8.00 Memento. (Teletext) See Choice (4950)
8.30 The Crystal Maze. Richard O'Brien pilots another six contestants through the medieval maze (s) (72757)
9.30 True Stories: Aileen Wuornos — The Selling of a Serial Killer. See Choice (934115)
11.15 Elvis '56. A profile of Elvis Presley, including archive coverage of early performances and stills by the American photographer Alfred Wertheimer (r) (425757)
12.25am Dispatches. Why small businessmen have learned to fear the Inland Revnue (r) (9677036)
1.15 The Steve Allen Show (b/w). Classic entertainment with Peter Ustinov and Louis Armstrong (47595). Ends at **1.45**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 3.20-3.50 The Young Doctors (1632028) **5.10-5.40** Billy (7640478) **6.00** Home and Away (211467) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (186318) **10.40** Anglia Tonight (849467) **11.10** Wideangle (726283) **11.40** Prisoner: Cell Block H (663793) **12.35** Coach (4730177) **1.05** Wrestling (2888142) **1.45** Film: Beach Red (299264) **3.45** America's Top Ten (14210) **4.15** Nite Bites (67862622) **4.25** Wendy James (70079581) **4.30** Riviera (46974) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (15516)

BORDER
As London except: 2.45-3.10 Graham Kerr (4833950) **3.20-3.50** GP (1632028) **6.00** Lookaround (486) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (738) **10.40** Life Stories (849467) **11.10** Prisoner: Cell Block H (783573) **12.05** Nigel Mansell's IndyCar 93 (2379993) **12.35** Coach (4730177) **1.05** Wrestling (2888142) **1.45** Film: Beach Red (299264) **3.45** America's Top Ten (14210) **4.15** Nite Bites (67862622) **4.25** Wendy James (70079581) **4.30** Riviera (46974) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (15516)

CENTRAL
As London except: 1.15 A Country Practice (295757) **1.45-2.15** Home and Away (294028) **3.20-3.50** Shortland Street (1632028) **5.10-5.40** Gardening Time (7640478) **6.00** Home and Away (211467) **6.25-7.00** Central News (229486) **10.40** Married...with Children (849457) **11.10** 1st Night (726283) **11.40** Sledge Hammer (504283) **12.10** The Equalizer (6473061) **1.05** Hollywood Report (3870158) **1.35** The Little Picture Show (4738061) **2.35** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (3052167) **3.05** America's Top Ten (95000852) **3.35** Raw Power (1723023) **4.35** Jobfinder (3754429) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (6144055)

GRANADA
As London except: 1.15 A Country Practice (295757) **1.45-2.15** Home and Away (294028) **3.20-3.50** Sons and Daughters (1632028) **5.10-5.40** Blockbusters (7640478) **6.00** Home and Away (486) **6.30-7.00** Granada Tonight (738) **10.40** Families (849467) **11.10** Prisoner: Cell Block H (783573) **12.05** Love at First Sight (2379993) **12.35** Coach (4730177) **1.05** Wrestling (2888142) **1.45** Film: Beach Red (299264) **3.45** America's Top Ten (14210) **4.15** Nite Bites (67862622) **4.25** Wendy James (70079581) **4.30** Riviera (46974) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (15516)

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.45-2.15 Blockbusters (294028) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (1632028) **6.00** HTV News (486) **6.30-7.00** Green Go the Dishes (738) **10.40** The West This Week (523028) **11.25** HTV Weekend Outlook (636221) **11.40** Prisoner: Cell Block H (663793) **12.35** Coach (4730177) **1.05** Wrestling (2888142) **1.45** Film: Beach Red (299264) **3.45** America's Top Ten (14210) **4.15** Nite Bites (67862622) **4.25** Wendy James (70079581) **4.30** Riviera (46974) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (15516)

HTV WALES
As HTV West except: 6.00pm Wales at Six **6.30-7.00** The Really Helpful Programme **7.30-8.00** Wales This Week **10.40** A Slice of Life **11.25** Weekend Ahead! **11.40** Storyline **12.10-1.05** Prisoner: Cell Block H

MERIDIAN
As London except: 3.20-3.50 The Young Doctors (1632028) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (486) **6.30-7.00** Grass Roots (738) **10.40** In the Name of Science (849467) **11.10** Prisoner: Cell Block H (783573) **12.05** War of the Worlds (6391413) **1.05-1.30** The Twilight Zone (2713326) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 1.45-2.15 Blockbusters (294028) **3.20-3.50** A Country Practice (1632028) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (63660) **10.40** Commando (849467) **11.10** Prisoner: Cell Block H (783573) **12.10** Disaster Chronicles (5336158) **12.35** Coach (4730177) **1.05** Wrestling (2888142) **1.45** Film: Beach Red (299264) **3.45** America's Top Ten (14210) **4.15** Nite Bites (67862622) **4.25** Wendy James (70079581) **4.30** Riviera (46974) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (15516)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 3.20-3.50 The Young Doctors (1632028) **5.55** Calendar (832950) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (738) **10.40** Edit V (849467) **11.10** Prisoner: Cell Block H (783573) **12.05** Film: The Black Torment (332790) **1.40** America's Top Ten (2140448) **2.10** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (2775790) **2.40** Film: Goodbye My Lady (413871) **4.20-5.30** Jobfinder (5708852)

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Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (69405) **9.00** Wish Kid (48863) **9.30** The Batman (2631399) **9.45** The King's Breakfast (2115216) **9.55** Gamesmaster (7117863) **10.30** New Kids on the Block — on Tour (1906592) **10.55** Miraculous Mellops (1981283) **11.25** The Bunbury Tales (5493009) **11.30** The Henderson Kids (1080) **12.00** The Parliament Programme (35399) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (53283) **1.00** Sesame Street (58738) **2.00** Eat Your Greens (28927979) **2.25** Channel 4 Racing (432196) **4.25** Slot 23 (3760115) **5.00** Fifteen To One (2738) **5.30** Mork and Mindy (115) **6.00** News (697863) **6.10** Heno (299221) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (5202) **7.30** O'r Fedwen I'r Fari (592) **8.00** Y Swn (4950) **8.30** News (369318) **8.55** Troeon (634486) **9.30** Harry Enfield's Guide To Opera (73047) **10.00** Film: 2001 — A Space Odyssey (933738) **12.30** Surgical Spirit (9610974) **12.55** Housing Problems (8502500) **1.15** Close

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am The DJ Kat Show (24414318) **8.40** Lamb Chops Play-a-Long (5013467) **9.10** Cartoons (5121370) **9.30** The Pyramid Game (25347) **10.00** Strike It Rich (4935863) **10.25** Dynamo Duck (2227842) **10.30** Concentration (86047) **11.00** The Bold and the Beautiful (43793) **11.30** Falcon Crest (71757) **12.30pm** E Street (25383) **1.00** Another World (6209467) **1.45** Santa Barbara (832202) **2.15** Sally Jessy Raphael (510863) **3.15** Diff'rent Strokes (820467) **3.45** The DJ Kat Show (4872370) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (1405) **6.00** Games World (8047) **6.30** E Street (9399) **7.00** Rescue (2134) **7.30** Family Ties (8283) **8.00** Melrose Place (40757) **9.00** Chances (53221) **10.00** WKRP in Cincinnati (78028) **10.30** Star Trek: The Next Generation (83370) **11.30** Studs (63757) **12.00** Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (89844) **9.30** News and Business Report (592825) **9.30** Nightline (84931) **10.30** Beyond 2000 (59757) **11.30** International Business Report (79399) **12.30pm** News and Business Report (53573) **1.30** Good Morning America (54202) **2.30** Parliament Live (98038411) **3.15** Parliament Live (2439318) **4.30** News and Business Report (5196) **5.00** Live at Five (69641) **6.30** News and Business Report (89115) **7.30** *Financial Times* Reports (6825) **10.30** Nightline (81912) **11.30** ABC News (79689) **12.30am** *Financial Times* Reports (97603) **1.30** ABC News (71446) **2.30** Beyond 2000 (96806) **3.30** ABC News (91351) **4.30** *Financial Times* Reports (82608) **5.30-6.00** ABC News (97993)

SKY MOVIES PLUS
8.00am Showcase (6891950)
10.00 End of the Line (1987): Railroad employees steal an engine (13689)
12.00 The Lincoln Conspiracy (1977): Assassination drama (72405)
2.00pm The One and Only (1978): Henry Winkler becomes a wrestler (47660)
4.00 Dead Men Don't Wear Plaid (1981): Rachel Ward hires Steve Martin (3009)
6.00 End of the Line (as 10am) (34196)
8.00 Terminator 2: Judgment Day (1991): Arnold Schwarzenegger battles to save humanity (74318979)
10.15 Mutant Hunt (1987): A 21st-century hero tracks rampaging cyborgs (9731405)
11.40 Masters of Menace (1990): Spoof of 1960s biker movies (932825)
1.20am Cry in the Wild: The Taking of Peggy Ann (1991): David Morse kidnaps Megan Follows (844177)
2.55 Loose Screws (1985): Comedy sequel to *Screwballs* (8527622)
4.25 Alligator II — The Mutation (1990): Monster yarn (567332). Ends at **6.00**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.15pm Tennessee's Partner (1955): Western with Ronald Reagan (35847329)
8.00 Seconds (1966): John Randolph is reincarnated as Rock Hudson (13641)
10.00 The First Deadly Sin (1980): Frank Sinatra tracks a killer. With Faye Dunaway (169115). Ends at **11.50**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.10am Around the World with Dot Cartoon and live action (3366844)
7.30 Delta Space Mission. Science-fiction animation (8628573)
8.45 Come Blow Your Horn (1962): Frank Sinatra in a Neil Simon comedy (625689)
10.45 Dracula's Daughter (1936, b/w): Starring Gloria Holden (6444318)
12.00 The Black Cat (1934, b/w): Starring Boris Karloff and Bela Lugosi (1298134)
1.10pm American Friends (1991): Oxford don Michael Palin befriends Trini Alvarado and Connie Booth (29964592)
2.50 Around the World with Dot (as 6.10am) (2734329) **4.10 Delta Space Mission** (as 7.30am) (7896080)
5.25 Will There Really Be a Morning? (1983): Biopic of Frances Farmer (74094554)
8.00 I Posed for Playboy (1991): The stories of three women (37283)
10.00 The Two Jakes (1990). Jack Nicholson returns as private eye Jake Gittes in this sequel to *Chinatown* (74767592)
12.20am True Colors (1991): Political drama starring John Cusack and James Spader (815868)
2.15 Irma la Douce (1963). Billy Wilder comedy with Jack Lemmon and Shirley MacLaine (78450055)
4.40 Windprints (1989): John Hurt is caught up in the fight for independence in Namibia (2529603). Ends at **6.00**

SKY SPORTS
6.30am Stretch (12301) **7.00** German Football (43405) **8.00** Stretch (54047) **8.30** Ringside (58757) **11.30** Stretch (41912) **12.00** Drag Racing (34283) **12.30pm** Windsurfing (69467) **1.00** Darts: Wales v Scotland (13776) **3.00** South African Masters Golf (97009) **5.00** ATP Tour Magazine (6738) **5.30** Netbusters (1776) **6.00** Soccer News (923950) **6.03** WWF All-American Wrestling (77486) **7.00** Formula One Grand Prix (99047) **8.00** British Motor Sport (75467) **9.00** European Round-Up (88931) **10.00** Soccer News (851660) **10.03** The Boot Room (98318) **11.00** Netbusters (65592) **11.30-2.30am** Snooker (895399)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Aerobics (28196) **8.00** Golf (29047) **9.00** Snooker (27028) **10.00** Motor Racing (17080) **11.00** Football 1994 Qualifiers (37844) **12.00** Basketball (12365) **2.00pm** Ice Hockey (72370) **4.00** Equestrian (59931) **5.00** Basketball (14757) **6.30** News (4009) **7.00** Basketball (89592) **8.30** Eurofun (9825) **9.00** Football 1994 Qualifiers (56844) **10.30** Gymnastics (95592) **12.00** News (38210)

UK GOLD
6.00am Rainbow (12672028) **6.15** Button Moon (12680283) **6.30** Bucky O'Hare (6119134) **7.00** Bravestarr (3861134) **7.30** Neighbours (3840641) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (1289370) **8.30** EastEnders (1288641) **9.00** The Bill (1202221) **9.30** The Onedin Line (5069844) **10.30** Juliet Bravo (6753486) **11.30** No Place Like Home (1773370) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (1298757) **12.30pm** Neighbours (9628592) **1.00** EastEnders (3860405) **1.30** The Bill (9627863) **2.00** 'Allo 'Allo! (7345660) **2.30** Three Up, Two Down (7841450) **3.00** Dallas (1784486) **4.00** Dynasty (1796221) **5.00** Candid Camera (7336912) **5.30** Give Us a Clue (3041298) **6.00** Neighbours (2996509) **6.30** The Onedin Line (3611573) **7.30** 'Allo 'Allo! (6396365) **8.00** EastEnders (7332196) **8.30** Three Up, Two Down (7344931) **9.00** Juliet Bravo (9677950) **10.00** The Bill (1290486) **10.30** Cancis Lib (3464660) **11.30** Dr Who (6199370) **12.00** Film: Maroc 7 (1674516) **1.40am** Videos (17791186)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am Jack in the Box (42863) **7.00** RatKan II (15221) **9.00** New Kids on the Block (76509) **9.30** The Bears' Island (30793) **10.00** Shadows (88689) **10.30** He-Man (90863) **11.00** The New Fantastic Four (80825) **11.30** Say Ahhh! (81554) **12.00** Secret Valley (28134) **1.00pm** Super Mario Brothers (85080) **1.30** He-Man (80270) **2.00** Good Sports (6370) **2.30** Say Ahhh! (5370) **3.00** Bobobobs (5405) **3.30** RatKan II (20202) **5.00** Pugwall's Summer (8450) **5.30** Saved by the Bell (6486) **6.00** Fame (24318)

RADIO 3

6.55am Weather
7.00 On Air, with Piers Burton-Page. Including Handel (Concerto grosso in G, Op 3 No 3); Haydn (Symphony No 53 in D, L'Imperiale); Ravel (Violin Sonata); Boccherini (String Quintet in B flat, G337)
9.00 Composer of the Week. Palestrina (Mass and Motet, Dum complerentur dies Pentecostes: Christ Church Cathedral Choir under Stephen Darlington)
9.45 Morning Sequence: Rachmaninov (Prelude in E flat, Op 23 No 6; Etude-Tableau in E flat minor, Op 39 No 5; Prelude in D minor, Op 23 No 3; Etude-Tableau in D, Op 39 No 9); Nielsen (Symphony No 5); Bach, transcr Rachmaninov (Prelude; Gavotte; Gigue, Partita in E, BWV 1006); Stravinsky (Renard); Rachmaninov (Humoresque in G, Op 10 No 5); Tchaikovsky (The Cuckoo, Op 54 No 8); Mendelssohn, transcr Rachmaninov (Scherzo, A Midsummer Night's Dream); Tchaikovsky (Cradle Song, Op 16 No 1); Kreisler, transcr Rachmaninov (Liebesfreud). Rachmaninov (The Isle of the Dead)
12.00 Haydn's Late Chamber Works (r)
1.00pm News
1.05 BBC Welsh SO: BBC Welsh Chorus; Brighton Festival Chorus under Jan Latham-Koenig perform Vaughan Williams (Fantasia on a Theme by Thomas Tallis); Elgar (Cello Concerto in E minor); Walton (Belshazzar's Feast). See Choice
2.40 Debut. Andrew West, piano, plays Berg (Sonata, Op 1); Schoenberg (Three Piano Pieces, Op 11); Ives (Three-Page Sonata)
3.15 Academy of Ancient Music Trio performs Bach (Organ Sonata No 3 in D minor, BWV 527); Telemann (Sonata in E flat, Essercizii Musici); Boismortier (Trio Sonata in D, Op 50 No 6); Quantz (Trio Sonata in G)
4.00 Portraits in Brass. John McCabe introduces some of his brass and wind music. Desert II — Horizon (Britannia Building Society Band; Cory Band; CWS (Glasgow) Band, Grimethorpe Colliery Band under Howard Snell); Canyons (Guildhall School of Music Wind Ensemble under Peter Gane); Cloudcatcher Fells (John Foster Black Dyke Mills Band under Peter Parkes)
5.00 In Tune, with Natalie Wheen
7.30 BBC Philharmonic under Yehudi Menuhin performs Beethoven (Overture, Coriolan; Piano Concerto No 5 in E flat, Emperor: Arnaldo Cohen, piano). **8.20** Robert Ponsonby talks about the work of the Musicians' Benevolent Fund. **8.40** Dorati (Herbst: with Benno Schollum, baritone); Elgar (Enigma Variations)
9.35 Screening History: Gore Vidal recalls his frequent childhood visits to the cinema
9.55 Bach. Gustav Leonhardt, harpsichord, plays Fugue in A minor, BWV 944; Toccata in D, BWV 912
10.15 Bluebird Blues (r)
10.45 Night Waves: The arts programme reviews the history of the Nuremberg trials
11.30 Falla and Turina: Falla (Seven Popular Spanish Songs: Victoria de los Angeles, soprano, Gerald Moore, piano); Turina (Canto a Sevilla: Victoria de los Angeles; LSO under Anatole Fistoulari) **12.30am News**

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day with the Rev Peter Sills **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.45** Thought for the Day with the Rev Richard Bewes **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather
9.00 News
9.05 The Moral Maze, chaired by Michael Buerk. With Rabbi Hugo Gryn, Janet Daley, Edward Pearce and Dr David Starkey
9.45 Surviving in Stroke City: The television and radio presenter Gerry Anderson reflects on the ironies of living in Ulster
10.00-10.30 Crampton Hodnet (FM only): Fourth of a six-part adaptation of Barbara Pym's novel. With Elizabeth Spriggs as Miss Doggett
10.00 News; An Act of Worship (LW only)
10.15 Something Understood (LW only): A selection of poetry on the theme of Creation. Read by Paul Scofield, Brid Brennan, David Holt and Alison Reid
10.30 Woman's Hour: Karen Deco investigates the plausibility of mixing work and social lives. Incl **11.00 News**
11.30 From Our Own Correspondent
12.00 News; You and Yours, with Tasneem Siddiqi
12.25pm Litmus Test: Fred Harris hosts the offbeat science quiz **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One, with James Naughtie
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; Out There Somewhere, by Gaylord Meech. Rosemary (Lorelei King) receives an ultimatum from her estranged and violent husband (r)
3.00-4.00 Iconoclasts (FM only): The first of four programmes presented by Trevor Barnes. Bruce Kent believes that churches should not always adopt a neutral stance to armed conflict
3.00 News; Prime Minister's Questions (LW only)
4.00 News
4.05 Kaleidoscope reviews Tom Stoppard's new play, *Arcadia*, at the National Theatre; and reports on the National Student Drama Festival
4.45 Short Story: Strawberry Hill, by Christine Harrison. Read by Ri Richards
5.00 PM with Wendy Austin and Frank Partridge **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Burnt: The final part of Nigel Baldwin's political thriller. Starring Dennis Waterman (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 One Step Beyond: A Better Brain. Jaz Nelson reports on the possibility of brain repair
8.00 The Thin Blue Line: See Choice
8.45 Does He Take Sugar? with Ted Harrison
9.15 Kaleidoscope (r)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lustig
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: On the Third Day, by Piers Paul Read. Charles Simpson reads the penultimate episode
11.00 Three for the Road: Fast Lanes, by Jayne Anne Phillips. Dramatised by John Harvey. The first of three plays based on modern American short stories
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

CHOICE

The Thin Blue Line. *Radio 4, 8.00pm*

James Naughtie calls his series about the United Nations in action an expedition into the world of peacemaking. It certainly is not an armchair expedition. One minute Naughtie is in the UN secretary-general's office in New York; the next, he is a gun's roar away from the fighting in the former Yuglosalvia, or watching the UN at work trying to protect the electoral process in Cambodia, or learning how politics can sabotage peace in Cyprus. This is Naughtie at his best — with a precise brief and all the on-the-spot reporting facilities that the BBC and the UN can offer.

BBC Welsh SO. *Radio 3, 1.05pm*

This Cardiff concert (see listings) features one of the finest British cellists of our time and one of our best baritones. Bryn Terfel was a Cardiff Singer of the World prize-winner for his lieder performances. Steven Isserlis cannot escape being identified with John Tavener's *The Protecting Veil*, a phenomenal CD success. Today, Isserlis plays another work that has built up something of a cult following, Elgar's Cello Concerto. **Peter Davalle**

RADIO 1
FM Stereo and MW. **4.00am** Steve Edwards (FM only) **6.00** Simon Mayo **9.00** Mark Goodier **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Jakki Brambles **3.00** Gary Davies in the Afternoon **6.00** News '93 **6.30** Evening Session **8.30** Dance Energy. Normski's guests are Sunscream **9.00** The Guest List with Mark Radcliffe **10.00** Nicky Campbell Goes into the Night **12.00-4.00am** Bob Harris (FM only)

RADIO 2
FM Stereo. **5.00am** Martin Kelner **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.05** Sarah Kennedy **8.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** The News Huddlines **7.30** Wally Whyton **9.00** Paul Jones **9.45** Gloria Gaynor **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Charles Nove with Night Ride **3.00-5.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5
News and sport on the hour until 7.00pm. **6.00am** World Service. Newshour **6.30** Danny Baker's Morning Edition **9.30** Johnnie Walker with The AM Alternative **11.30** BFBS Worldwide **12.30pm** Garden Centre with Richard Jackson and Clare Bradley **1.05** A Little Lower Than the Angels **1.35** Take Five with Michaela Strachan **2.30** A Game of Two Halves with Caron Keating and Mark Kermode **4.30** Five Aside **7.15** The Adventures of Endill Swift **7.30** Formula Five: Sue Nelson attends the 1993 Edinburgh International Science Festival **8.00** Vibe! **9.30** Red Devils, by Debbie Horsfield (8/10) **10.10** Eastern Beat, incl **11.00** Sport **12.00-12.10am** News; Sport

WORLD SERVICE
All times in BST. **4.30am** BBC English **4.45** News and Press Review in German **5.00** Morgenmagazin **5.30** Londres Matin **6.00** World News **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** World News **7.10** News About Britain **7.15** The World Today **7.30** Sports International **8.00** Newsdesk **8.30** Network UK **9.00** World News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** Good Books **9.30** John Peel **10.00** World News **10.05** World Business Report **10.15** From Our Own Correspondent **10.30** The Farming World **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News Summary **11.01** Assignment **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **11.59** Business Update **Noon** Newsdesk **12.30pm** Say Something Happened **1.00** World News **1.10** Words of Faith **1.15** Multitrack 2 **1.45** Sports Roundup **2.00** Newshour **3.00** World News **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Off the Shelf. Father and Son **3.45** Recording of the Week **4.00** World News **4.15** BBC English **4.29** News Headlines in French **4.30** Heute Aktuell **5.00** World News **5.10** News About Britain **5.15** BBC English **5.30** Londres Soir **6.00** World News **6.05** World Business Report **6.15** The World Today **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.05** German Features **8.00** World News **8.05** Outlook **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** World News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** The World Today **9.30** Meridian **10.00** Newshour **11.00** World News **11.10** News About Britain **11.15** Network UK **11.45** Sports Roundup **Midnight** World News **12.05am** World Business Report **12.15** Music Review **1.00** Newsdesk **1.30** In the Steps of Rachmaninov **2.00** World News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Seven Seas **2.45** Global Concerns **3.00** Newsdesk **3.30** Say Something Happened **4.00** World News **4.10** News About Britain **4.15** Sports Roundup

CLASSIC FM
6.00am Sarah Lucas **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Denis Tuohy **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto: Handel (Flute Concerto in F, Op 4 No 5), Tchaikovsky (Souvenir de Florence) **3.00** Petroc Trelawny **6.00** Classic Reports **7.00** Classic Travel Guide with Hugh MacPherson **8.00** Classic FM Concert: London Philharmonic performs Bruckner (Symphony No 7) **10.00** Adrian Love **1.00-6.00am** Robert Booth

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SPORT

IAN STEWART



First steps: the Oxford University players enter the field against Durham at The Parks yesterday as the new first-class cricket season got under way

When London jog can pay more than the winning slog

David Powell asks whether the public is being short-changed by marathon runners paid just to turn up

Every year, the London Marathon spends hundreds of thousands of pounds to lure some of the best international distance running names that money can buy, and what happens? More often than not someone from the lower-paid classes goes and wins it.

Last year it was Antonio Pinto, ranked 29th among those invited: the year before Yakov Tolstikov. Yakov who?

While thousands shuffle their way from Greenwich to Westminster, making what they can for charity, big money is directed at the elite for just turning up. The prize-money — there is more than £235,000 of it this year — is much less than the appearance-fees budget.

In 1989, Gelindo Bordin, the Olympic champion, was offered £118,000 to run. Liz McColgan's deal to participate in the next three London Marathons is close to £500,000.

But is London getting value for money? McColgan could trip at the start on Sunday and, though likely to lose a slice from a reduction clause in her contract, still be rewarded handsomely.

"The money would not be wasted because the event needs the publicity beforehand," Kim McDonald, McColgan's manager, argues. But would it not be better spent on prize-money?

Hugh Jones won in 1982, appearing for free. "There is an argument for paying appearance money, but the balance has become loaded the wrong way," Jones said.

Something needs changing because, worldwide, times are markedly slower than they were in the Eighties.

"If McColgan really is getting £450,000, that dwarfs all monies that she is being offered and I can't see there is any real incentive for her to go for the world record," Jones said. "If she was in a position where she just had to run relatively easy to pick up her appearance money of £150,000 and $55,000 for winning, is she going to be bothered about another $50,000 for the record?"

Spending on improved prize-money for the first 20 might see athletes working harder, inspiring more competitive races and faster times. Would it work? "I think it would," Jones said.

David Bedford, London's international race director, is poised to implement change next year. For the men's race, he is considering cutting out appearance fees and time bonuses and putting it all into prize-money, "because there are no truly outstanding male marathon runners in this year's field.

Nothing will change for the women, though. Women's marathon running has two big personalities, both running in London: McColgan and Lisa Ondieki. "If I had done it for the women this year Lisa and Liz would never have signed up," Bedford said. "They are being paid bucketloads and it's worth every penny."

The three fastest men's times ever were set in Rotterdam, all in the Eighties. Jos Hermens, Rotterdam's international race director, is spending two-thirds of his budget in appearance money for this year's race. "I do not think the slower times have anything to do with appearance money," Hermens said. Global warming and more accurate (i.e. longer) courses, yes. Loss of incentive, no.

Perhaps Rob de Castella, the former world champion, hit upon the answer yesterday. "The Eighties was an exciting period for the marathon: it came of age and people were concentrating on running fast. Some of the competitiveness has gone out of the sport."

Full results of the NutraSweet London Marathon will be published exclusively next week in *The Times*. The race, which is the biggest marathon in the world with 34,000 entries, will be run on Sunday.

Pakistan finally agree to play

FROM JOHN WOODCOCK
IN PORT OF SPAIN
TRINIDAD

THE first Test match between West Indies and Pakistan will not begin today, as scheduled, but tomorrow. The reason is that, over the last 36 hours, the Pakistanis have been behaving as capriciously as only they can.

Rather than putting behind them the goings on in Grenada — when four of their players were arrested on drug charges, which were withdrawn on Monday — they have been using them to embarrass everyone here, even to the point of threatening to go home.

Because, in their hearts, the players must always have known what is right, there was never much doubt that the match would go ahead. Had it been otherwise, the Pakistanis could have done themselves nothing but harm, not only in the eyes of the cricket world. But until yesterday morning, they seemed determined to see the events of last week not as a spur but as an indignity.

Rather than insisting that his players get on with the job in hand and show themselves to be the best cricketers in the game, Khalid Mahmood, their manager, did less to stifle their brooding than to foster it. He has been talking of his players feeling insecure.

More than that, though, he is aggrieved that no higher official than the assistant secretary of the West Indian Cricket Board of Control was in Grenada in Pakistan's time of need.

With the arrival from Barbados yesterday of Steve Camacho, the secretary of the West Indies board, Mahmood felt happier so that, in the end, a compromise was agreed and the following issued:

JOHN Morris, the England batsman, scored the first century of the cricket season yesterday, helping himself to 136 out of Derbyshire's 380 for five against Cambridge University at Fenner's. Morris was treated generously, being dropped three times before he reached his century. Tim O'Gorman also scored a hundred for Derbyshire. In The Parks, Oxford University dismissed Durham for only 191 but were 34 for five in reply. Reports, page 44

"Representatives of the West Indian Cricket Board of Control [WICBC] met today with Mr K Mahmood, the manager of the Pakistan touring team, to discuss matters arising out of an incident on the Grenada leg of the tour.

"The WICBC very much regrets any embarrassment to which the Pakistan team may have been subjected arising out of this incident. The Board has also assured the Pakistan management that every effort has been made to ensure the security of the team during the course of the tour.

"In view of the prevailing uncertainty surrounding the future of the tour and its possible effect on the players, it has been decided to delay the start of the first Test match by one day. This match will now start on Friday, April 16, and continue for five consecutive days."

It is with no little irony that I recall how every cricketing official in Pakistan went to ground at the time of the Gatting-Shakoor Rana affair at Faisalabad in 1987, leaving Peter Lush, the England manager, trying desperately to pick up the scent. But on that occasion, England were keen to get on with the game; here, the Pakistanis have had to persuade themselves of that.

This is particularly disappointing when so much of cricket is played in the mind, and in view of what is at stake. Nobody could seriously dispute that this three-Test Cable and Wireless series is for the unofficial championship of the world. Shortcomings can be covered up in the one-day game much more easily than over five days. The last 19 meetings of the sides have been in one-day cricket when, as often as not, the taking of wickets has been secondary to the scoring of runs.

Now, there can be no winners without one side or the other being bowled out. We have come, at last, to the acid test and there is no doubt at the moment which of the protagonists is more in the mood for it.

Before yesterday was done, two of the legal advisers to the Pakistanis — Ramash Maharaj, from Trinidad, and Ash Karim, an international lawyer acting for the Board of Control for Cricket in Pakistan, and based in London — with the Pakistan manager between them, felt obliged to hold a conference at which they referred to the "arbitrary, high-handed and altogether baseless prosecution" of the four Pakistanis in Grenada.

The termination of the prosecution "could not possibly be regarded as sufficient redress for the injustices caused and occasioned by the action of the Grenadian authorities". This could attract claims by the players worth "millions of dollars", they said. By now, mercifully, Pakistan's cricketers were getting ready for tomorrow.

Lawrence suffers unfamiliar change in fortune

Louise Taylor investigates why the proven survival instincts of their manager have failed to bring stability to Middlesbrough



Lawrence: determined

LENNIE Lawrence cannot wait to see the back of 1993. "Last year was one of the best of my life. This has turned into one of the worst," he said after conceding that his Middlesbrough team was destined for relegation from the Premier League after Monday's defeat at Crystal Palace. It is a wild fluctuation in fortune that Lawrence, so used to consistent success, or at least survival, in his previous spell in the manager's chair at Charlton Athletic, finds unfamiliar and painful.

Such ups and downs are all too familiar to Middlesbrough supporters, though. This is the eighth successive season they have been attempting to either stay up or go up — a yo-yo tendency shared with their north-east neighbours, Sunderland and Newcastle United. Lawrence, who spent nine years in charge at Charlton — Middlesbrough tried their luck under five different managers in that time — had hoped to put a halt to it.

Instead, his, and Middlesbrough's, season has fluctuated in the now-traditional Teesside style. "Without a doubt, this has gone from being a real high point to the most depressing time of my career," he said. "It's different from Charlton. Charlton and The Valley was a cause. The players knew their limitations. From the start of every season, they knew it was going to be a battle. The cause made motivation easy."

Famed as one of the game's better man-managers — his trademark at Charlton, who he kept in the old first division for four unlikely season, was transforming other peoples' no-hopers into successful players — Lawrence has learned that motivation takes on a whole new meaning in the North East, where managers must contend with the hype factor. He feels that his squad may have sub-consciously suffered from life in an environment where ordinary players can be treated as extraordinary.

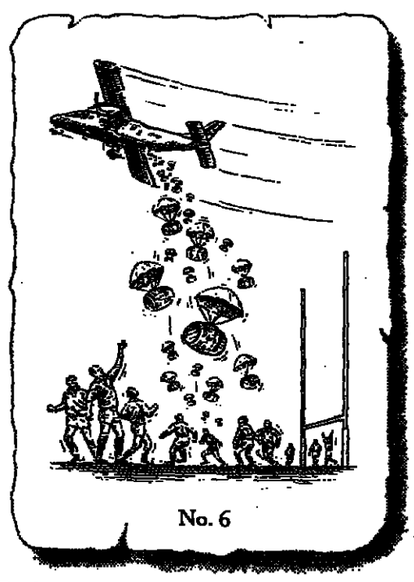
"This Middlesbrough squad is honest and spirited," he said, "but some thought they were better than they actually are. Then confidence went — some might be scarred for the rest of their careers by their failure to cope — we had a bad run of injuries and people just didn't cover themselves in the glory expected."

Lawrence's is very much an isolated southern voice at the club. Apart from the midfield player, Robbie Mustoe, everyone else at Ayresome Park was born north of the Trent. Yet, despite all his difficulties, he intends to keep his jacket on the back of the manager's chair for a few years yet.

"If I get sacked, that's life, but I didn't come to fiddle for 18 months [Middlesbrough were promoted last year after his first season] and go," he said. "What would be the point for me or the club?

"Going down is a major setback in my planning, but we have some good youngsters and, with a clear out in the summer, the future should be bright." And Middlesbrough will probably be celebrating promotion next year.

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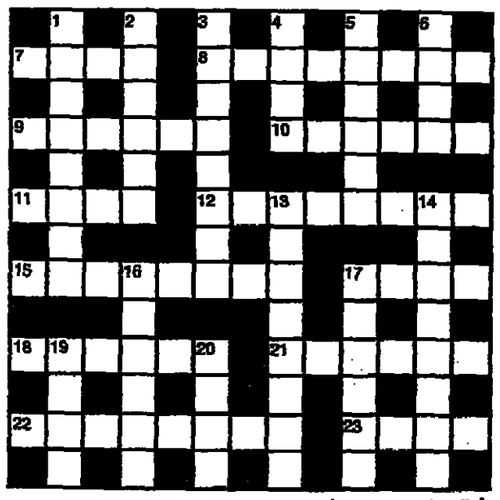
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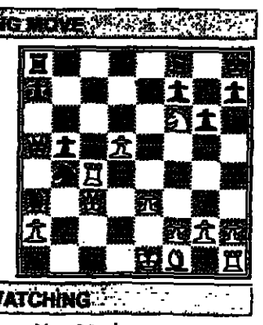
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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

This position is from the game Shabalov — Georges, Suhr 1992. White has a powerful line-up of queen and knight on the a1-h8 diagonal, but black also has his own threats. How did white continue?

Solution on page 44



WORD-WATCHING

ENUCLEATE
a. To isolate the nucleus of a cell
b. To extract radioactive properties
c. The eye coming out of its socket

TAOVALA
a. Large belt made from matting
b. A Hungarian pudding
c. An inhabitant of Taov, New Mexico

NIAOULI
a. A venomous spider
b. A type of tree
c. A variant of pasta from Nigeria

RAMBO
a. A variety of cooking apple
b. Italian word for an unruly person
c. A Spanish waterless ravine

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